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REPORT

Providence, R. I.
February 13, 1929.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island.

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldier's Relief presents its fortieth annual report.

ORGANIZATION

The Board as at present constituted is:

Governor Norman S. Case, Chairman.
General Treasurer, George C. Clark, Treasurer.
Adjutant General Arthur C. Cole.
Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1932.
Hon. Jeremiah I. Greene, Ninth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1931.
Hon. Samuel A. Whelden, Tenth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1931.
Hon. Charles H. Bowden, First R. I. Light Art'y, term expires 1930.
Hon. Robert M. Pollard, Third Reg. R. I. Cavalry, term expires 1932.
Hon. Charles O. Smith, Eighteenth N. H. Infantry, term expires 1930.
Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. Vol. Inf., term expires 1930.
Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army, retired, term expires 1931.
Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Officers' R. C., U. S. Army, term expires 1932.
Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy and Second R. I. Vol., Secretary.

A great improvement has been made at the Home by the enclosing of the walks which adjoin the buildings thereby providing shelter from the winter weather. The yearly inspection at the Home was made on January 23, 1928, by Colonel B. K. Cash, N. H. D. V. S. There has been received from the Board of Managers of the National Homes, under the Act of Congress providing aid to State and Territorial Homes the sum of $6,210.00.

Twelve meetings of the Board have been held the past year, one of which was at the Home, June 10, 1928, when the entire Board were present, including the Chairman, His Excellency the Governor, Norman S. Case, accompanied by his Aide, Lieut. Charles W. Lippitt. A general inspection was made of the entire Home to the satisfaction of those present.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee, Hon. Ezra Dixon, has repeatedly visited the Home, showing his great interest in its affairs. Applications from the Veterans Widows for admittance to the Home have been many, and as there is no law, neither any accommodations for them, no action could be taken by the Board.

Visits the past year by the many patriotic orders have been of unusual interest to the members of the Home. One evening each week is set apart for entertaining the Veterans with Motion Pictures, and they receive much enjoyment from them.

The Committee on neglected graves report as follows: Have received from the Quartermaster General, U. S. Army at Washington during the past year fifty-nine headstones for the erection over the graves of Veterans of all wars and are divided among the graves as follows, Civil War 31, Spanish War 12, World War 16. The cost of which is as follows, Mileage $594.96, Erecting Headstones $557.00. Hauling Stones $161.21. There is at present being cut at Rutland, Vermont, Headstones as follows, Revolutionary War 2, Civil War 30, Spanish War 16, World War 7. The committee have seen that many neglected lots in the several cemeteries have been put in proper condition.

This Committee is as follows, Robert M. Pollard, Charles H. Bowden, and Willis C. Metcalf.

SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 116 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME"

Sec. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid over to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and dispose of any property real or personal received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be a part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such funds, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FUND

Balance November 30, 1927		$16,834.21
Received during 1928		1,723.64
Interest received		475.30
		$19,033.15
Expenditures 1928	$1,174.54	
Premium & Int. on Bonds purchased	108.58	$1,283.12
Balance November 30, 1928		$17,750.03

RESOLUTION Making an Appropriation for the purpose of Setting Headstones on the Graves of Veterans of the Several Wars of the United States.

Resolved, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and hereby is appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the state board of soldiers' relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1928, for the purpose of defraying the expense of setting on the graves of veterans who served in the army or navy of the United States during the different wars of the United States such headstones as are provided by the laws of this state and of the United States, and for the purpose of providing suitable foundations for such headstones; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman of the executive committee and secretary of said board.

Appropriation	$1,500.00
Expenditures	$1,313.17

AN ACT in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 117 of the General Laws, Entitled "Of Burial of Honorably Discharged Soldiers".

SECTION 2. For the purpose of carrying this act into effect during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1928, the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the state board of soldiers' relief; and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman of the executive committee and the secretary of said board.

Appropriation	$1,000.00
Expenditures	$554.32

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for the purpose of printing the journal of the sixtieth annual encampment of the

department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic.

Resolved. That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended by the state board of soldiers' relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1928, for the purpose of printing the journal of the sixtieth annual encampment of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt of proper vouchers approved by the secretary of the state board of soldiers' relief.

Appropriation	$200.00
Expenditures	$161.50

THE FOLLOWING ENCLOSURES ACCOMPANY THIS REPORT.

A. Report of Secretary, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief Civil War.

C. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief Foreign Wars.

D. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

E. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.

F. Roll of members of the Soldiers' Home.

G. Summary of Expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN S. CASE, Governor and Chairman.
GEORGE C. CLARK, General Treasurer.
ARTHUR C. COLE, The Adjutant General.
EZRA DIXON
JEREMIAH I. GREENE
SAMUEL A. WHELDEN
CHARLES H. BOWDEN
ROBERT M. POLLARD
CHARLES O. SMITH
SYDNEY D. HARVEY
WILLIS C. METCALF
LUKE H. CALLAN

State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

FRED A. BURT, Secretary.

A

REPORT OF STATE PENSION AGENT

Providence, R. I.
November 30, 1928.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the year ending November 30, 1928.

Number of claims filed by this office during the year	171
Classified as follows:	
Soldiers and sailors pension Act of May 1, 1920 and July 3, 1926	9
Widows pension Act of July 3, 1926	12
Widows accrued pension	4
Re-married widows pension Act of July 3, 1926	3
Soldiers pension under general law	2
Spanish War soldiers and sailors pension Act of May 1, 1926	42
Spanish War soldiers and sailors increase pension Act of May 1, 1926	70
Spanish War widows pension Act of May 1, 1926	7
Minor childrens claim	2
Reimbursement claims	16
Application for new pension certificate	2
Application for unpaid check	2

Total number of claims filed in this department at Washington by the State Pension Agent to November 30, 1928 was 13,949.

Over one thousand affidavits and papers were executed in 1928. Many of these applications and affidavits were executed at the residence of the affiants, which by reason of illness and old age were unable to visit this office.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED A. BURT,
State Pension Agent.

B

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, CIVIL WAR.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil War for the year ending November 30, 1928. No change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund for Soldiers' Relief. During the past year seven hundred and sixty-two orders for groceries have been issued.

Appropriation	$10,000.00
Disbursements	$9,682.00

Respectfully,
FRED A. BURT,
Agent Soldiers' Relief.

C

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, FOREIGN WARS

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars for the year ending November 30, 1928. As in the preceding case no change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund. Three hundred and forty-two orders for groceries have been issued during the past year.

Appropriation	$2.500,00
Disbursements	$2,500.00

Respectfully,
FRED A. BURT,
Agent Soldiers' Relief.

D

To the Board of Managers; Board of Soldiers' Relief:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my seventh report as Commandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceding:

November 30, 1927, present	48
November 30, 1927, absent	37
Total	85
Actual gain during the year	30
Total	115
Actual loss during the year	19
Present and absent November 30, 1928	96

Actual Gain.		Actual Loss.	
By admission	29	By discharge	8
By readmission	1	By death	11
Total	30	Total	19

Total number admitted since the Home opened 1118

Of the number present 44 are reported sick in the hospital and 5 on extra duty, as follows:

Ward Sergeant	1	Cleaners	4

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Commandant		Surgeon		Adjutant	
Engineer	1	Cooks	2		
Fireman	3	Cooks' Assistant	1		
Chief Nurse	1	Dishwashers	2		
Assistant Nurses	4	Waiters	2		
Herdsman	1	Barber	1		
Cleaners	2	Farmer	1		
Caretaker Helps Qts.	1	Laborers	3		

Age of Members.

The oldest 90, youngest 80, Civil War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 83, Civil War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 57, Spanish War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 38, World War.
Average age of decedents, 82, Civil War.
Average age of decedents, 61, Spanish War.

Averages During the Year.

Present.		Present and Absent	
Quarter ending March 31	53	Quarter ending March 31	93
Quarter ending June 30	57	Quarter ending June 30	94
Quarter ending September 30	48	Quarter ending September 30	93
Two months ending November 30	54	Two months ending November 30	94
Average	53	Average	94

Number of deaths since the Home opened 644

I wish to thank the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. United Spanish War Veterans, and their Auxiliaries, the American Legion and their Auxiliaries, the Girl Scouts of America, the Boy Scouts of America and the countless friends for their many acts of kindness as exemplified in their visits and remembrances.

Again may I express my deep appreciation for the kindly advice and assistance rendered me by the Members of the Board of Managers, especially those of the Executive Committee, Hon. Ezra Dixon, Chairman.

Respectfully,

Susan M. Sheple,
Commandant.

DEATHS.

Civil War.

1. Thomas Prestwich, C. 4th R. I. Vol. Inf., Admitted October 18,1913. Died December 11, 1927. Cause Cancer of the stomach. Remains taken by relatives. Buried in the North Burial Ground, Providence, R. I.

2. Asa Andrews, H. 5th U. S. Art. Admitted October 27, 1920. Died February 27, 1928. Cause unknown; died while on furlough.

3. George Dean, E. 1st R. I. L. Art., Admitted December 14, 1927. Died March 24, 1928. Cause arterio sclerosis. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' burial lot, Bristol, R. I.

4. William H. Fales, F. 4th Mass Inf., Admitted April 20, 1927. Died April 20, 1928. Cause arterio sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

5. Charles W. Cole, Hospital Guards. Admitted July 6, 1903. Died July 5, 1928. Cause arterio sclerosis. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' burial lot, Bristol, R. I.

6. Charles Hackett, D. 2nd R. I. Vol., Admitted July 1, 1924. Died July 17, 1928. Cause tuberculosis. Remains taken by relatives.

7. Fleming, Michael, M. 3rd R. I. Cav. Admitted October 4, 1926. Died August 15, 1928. Cause senile dementia. Remains taken by relatives.

8. Walter Wigfall, A. 3rd R. I. H. Art., U. S. Signal Corps. Admitted June 11, 1918. Died November 27, 1928. Cause arterio sclerosis. Remains taken by friends.

SPANISH WAR.

9. William D. True, B. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol., Admitted February 15, 1927. Died February 7, 1928. Cause unknown. Died at the Rhode Island Hospital Providence, R. I. Remains taken by relatives.

10. Harry P. Berggren, Batt'y B. 1st R. I. L. Art., Admitted February 17, 1927. Died November 4, 1928. Cause chronic alcoholism. Body entombed in the vault at the North Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

11. Heaney, Henry I. 101st Inf. 26th Division., Admitted November 3, 1927. Died November 24, 1928. Cause unknown. Died at the U. S. Naval Hospital Newport, R. I.

E

Bristol, R. I., November 30, 1928.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief;

Gentlemen:— I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home, for the year ending November 30, 1928.

Number of men in the hospital November 30, 1927	35
Number of men on leave November 30, 1927	26
Number of men admitted to hospital	55
Number of men admitted to the hospital from wards	28
Number of men admitted to the hospital from outside	27
Age of oldest patient Civil War	90
Age of youngest patient Civil War	80
Average age of Civil War Patients	85
Age of oldest patient Spanish War	72
Age of youngest patient Spanish War	49
Average age of Spanish War Patients	60
Age of oldest patient World War	59
Age of youngest patient World War	32
Average age of World War patients	37
Number of deaths this year Civil War	8
Number of deaths this year Spanish War	3
Total number of deaths	11
Number of men discharged from hospital	6
Number of men present November 30, 1928	44
Number of men absent November 30, 1928	33

I am deeply grateful to those who faithfully assisted me in the care of the sick.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred M. Merriman,
Surgeon.

F

CIVIL WAR.

Agan, John	G. 2nd Batt'n	74 Providence	June 14, 1921	Present
Andrews, Asa	H. 5th U. S. Art.	72 Providence	Oct. 27, 1920	Died Feb. 27, 1928
Baker, William G.	F. 1st R. I. Cav.	68 Providence	July 30 1914	Present
Bell, Thomas	B. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	79 Providence	Mar. 5, 1920	Present
Brayton, Fred'k C.	B. 1st R. I. L. Art.	80 Providence	Dec. 21, 1926	Present
Brown, Marcus M.	D. C. & L. R. I. Vol.	50 Woonsocket	Aug. 5, 1891	Present
Cahill, Thomas	B. 5th R. I. H. Art.	77 Providence	April 21, 1925	Present
Clough, Samuel H.	G. 15th U. S. Inf.	71 Providence	July 26, 1920	Present
Clough, William	K. 12th R. I. Inf.	49 Providence	Sept. 9, 1891	Present
Cole, Charles W.	R. I. Hosp. Gds.	63 E. Providence	July 6, 1903	Died July 5, 1928
Collins, William L.	B. 5th R. I. H. Art.	89 Rockdale, Mass.	Dec. 8, 1927	Present
Coombs, Charles	D. 2nd R. I. Vol.	79 Onset, Mass.	Feb. 27, 1928	Hon. Dis. Oct. 17, 1928
Daley, John P.	B. 11th R. I. Inf.	72 Providence	Mar. 18, 1918	Present
Dean, George	E. 1st R. I. L. Art.	80 E. Providence	Dec. 14, 1927	Died March 24, 1928
Elliott, Daniel W.	B. 1st R. I. L. Art.	82 E. Providence	July 7, 1925	Present
Fales, William H.	F. 4th Mass. Inf.	86 Barrington	April 20, 1927	Died April 20, 1928
Fieldsend, Joseph	F. 4th R. I. Inf.	74 Richmond	June 23, 1914	Present
Fleming, Michael	M. 3rd R. I. Cav.	74 Providence	Oct. 4, 1926	Died Aug. 15, 1928
Gardiner, Charles H.	C. 14th R. I. H. Art.	83 Providence	Feb. 13, 1926	Present
Green, Charles E.	K. 1st N. H. H. Art.	81 Providence	Sept. 9, 1927	Present
Greene, Charles E.	H. 51st Mass. Inf	82 West Barrington	Oct. 23, 1925	Present
Gough, Bernard	D. 1st R. I. L. Art.	83 Pawtucket	June 19, 1925	Present
Hackett, Charles	D. 2nd R. I. Inf.	74 Providence	July 1, 1924	Died July 17, 1928
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D. 1st R. I. L. Art.	76 Providence	Oct. 16, 1917	Present
Hopkins, J. Ray	L. 10th R. I. Vol.	77 Richmond	Dec. 6, 1922	Present
McSoley, James	A. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	56 Providence	Aug. 1, 1905	Present
Melville, Peter D.	A. 5th R. I. H. Art.	75 Newport	Feb. 21, 1920	Present
Nelson, John	U. S. Navy	67 Providence	April 17, 1906	Present
Niles, Natnaniel J.	A. 1st R. I. Cav.	79 Providence	May 22, 1927	Present
Noon, Michael	B. 1st R. I. D. M.	71 Newport	Oct. 9, 1912	Present
Owens, Michael	E. 4th R. I. Inf.	74 Woonsocket	Jan. 12, 1916	Present
Potter, Philip I.	B. 14th R. I. H. Art.	70 Providence	April 13, 1913	Present
Prestwich, Thomas	C. 4th R. I. Inf.	68 Providence	Oct. 18, 1913	Died Dec. 11, 1927
Proctor, Thomas B.	B. 2nd R. I. Inf.	80 Hampton, Conn.	Oct. 5, 1920	Present
Randall, John M.	E. 2nd U. S. Inf.	71 Riverpoint	Jan. 1, 1918	Present
Redding, Edwin	U. S. Navy	65 Providence	Nov. 28, 1911	Present
Riley, Peter	E. 2nd R. I. Inf.	71 Providence	Jan. 25, 1917	Present
Rourke, Patrick	C. 3rd R I. H. Art.	76 Providence	June 18, 1924	Present
Simmons, S. Bartlett	F. 1st R. I. D. M.	85 Elizabeth N. J.	Aug. 5, 1921	Present
Smith, Alexander G.	G. 17th Mass. Inf.	82 Providence	July 15, 1918	Present
Sullivan, Michael	C. 4th R. I. Inf.	83 Maine	June 19, 1924	Present
Tucker, William O.	D. 1st Mass. Cav.	67 Providence	June 29, 1915	Present
Wigfall, Walter C.	A. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	74 Providence	June 11, 1918	Died Nov. 27, 1928
Young, William E.	G. 2nd R. I Inf.	62 Providence	Aug. 14, 1908	Present

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Arnold, Ira W.	L. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	67 Woonsocket	Oct. 22, 1923	Present
Arnold, John H.	A. 1st R. I. L. Art.	60 Providence	Mar. 9, 1925	Present
Arnzen, Niles J.	C. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	56 Providence	Feb. 6, 1926	Present
Ashworth, Edward H.	K. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	49 Providence	Dec. 14, 1923	Present
Beauregard, Eugene	L. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	48 Woonsocket	Oct. 13, 1925	Present
Beech, John W.	F. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	57 Pawtucket	Jan. 16, 1928	Present
Benjamin, Frank A.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	49 Woonsocket	April 20, 1928	Present
Berggren, Harry P.	Batty B. 1st R. I. L. Art.	50 Providence	Feb. 17, 1927	Died Nov. 4, 1928
Bradley, John	Batty E. 2nd U. S. Art. F. 1st U. S. Inf.	59 Pawtucket	Sept. 15, 1928	Present
Brohen, Edward	I. 3rd U. S. Inf.	53 Providence	Sept. 21, 1928	Present
Burke, John	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	46 Lonsdale	June 14, 1926	Present
Burke, Robert	I. U. S. Vol. Inf.	58 Providence	Oct. 10, 1928	Present
Buxton, Louis	D. 2nd U. S. Art.	47 Cranston	Oct. 27, 1927	Present
Canning, Thomas A.	4th Div. Naval Res.	56 Providence	July 12, 1927	Hon. Dis. Mar. 5, 1928
Carpenter, George E.	B. 1st R. I. U. S. V. Inf.	64 Rumford	Dec. 17, 1924	Present
Casey, William S.	E. 3rd Conn. Inf.	49 Woonsocket	June 4, 1926	Present
Christie, Hugh C.	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	68 Maine	Mar. 13, 1925	Present
Conley, Patrick	U. S. Navy	58 Providence	Mar. 16, 1925	Present

Conley, Peter	C. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	54 Providence	Sept. 5, 1927	Present
Creed, James J.	A. 11th U. S. Inf.	53 Providence	July 13, 1927	Present
Cuff, John F.	D. 49th Inf.	55 Providence	Sept. 12, 1924	Present
Cull, Thomas	B. 10th Ohio Inf.	51 Providence	Oct. 17, 1924	Present
Cunningham, Thomas J	C. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	52 Pawtucket	Aug. 16, 1927	Present
Deveno, Henry	D. 46th Inf.	59 W. Warwick	Feb. 15, 1927	Hon. Dis. April 8, 1928
Devlin, John M.	F. 1st R. I. Inf.	58 New Hampshire	June 14, 1925	Present
Fly, Edward D.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	55 Providence	Feb. 26, 1926	Present
Gallagan, John W.	C. 1st R. I. Inf.	61 Providence	April 12, 1928	Present
Graham, Walter H.	L. 26th U. S. Inf.	57 Providence	Jan. 13, 1926	Present
Heaney, Henry	I. 101st Inf.	54 Providence	Nov. 3, 1927	Died Nov. 24, 1928
Hunt, Goegre R.	U. S. Navy	48 Providence	Mar. 15, 1926	Present
Keating, Daniel J.	L. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	59 Providence	Dec. 9, 1927	Present
Keegan, Edward	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	49 Providence	Nov. 16, 1928	Present
Kelly, John	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	60 Providence	Aug. 18, 1927	Hon. Dis. June 14, 1928
Lafond, Gaspard	H. 15th U. S. Inf.	50 Pawtucket	Jan. 20, 1926	Present
Lambert, Frank	D. 17th U. S. Inf.	49 Pawtucket	Sept. 14, 1920	Hon. Dis. Mar. 5, 1928
Lee, William	M. 1st R. I. U. Vol.	62 Providence	Feb. 10, 1927	Present
Maguire, Elisha	E. R. I. Vol. Inf.	49 Providence	April 27, 1928	Present
McKay, James W.	A. 1st R. I. Vol.	70 E. Providence	Sept. 13, 1928	Present
McLinn, Daniel W.	E. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	57 Blackstone	Nov. 12, 1926	Hon. Dis May 4, 1928
Mengal, August E.	E. R. I. Vol. Inf.	69 Ohio	April 12, 1928	Hon. Dis. May 14, 1928
Mullen, Patrick J.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	62 Valley Falls	Sept. 19, 1927	Hon. Dis. June 14, 1928
Murr, B. Alvin	Hosp. Corp	55 Oxford, Mass	May 22, 1926	Present
Rafferty, Thomas	C. 1st R. I. V. Inf.	68 Providence	April 8, 1928	Present
Robaliske, Constantine	G. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	56 Providence	Oct. 21, 1928	Present
Quiniat, Sebastian	I. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	68 Providence	Mar. 25, 1926	Present
Riley, Bernard	B. 22nd Inf.	54 Hope	Feb. 20, 1928	Present
Rogers, Ephriam	M. 46th U. S. Inf.	54 Arctic	Nov. 19, 1926	Present
Stanley, Byron B.	13th Batty F. Art.	50 Providence	Mar. 23, 1928	Present
Sullivan, John	K. 1st R. I. Vol.	57 Providence	Oct. 21, 1928	Present
Summer, John R.	A. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	68 Providence	Oct. 21, 1926	Present
True, William D.	B. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	75 Providence	Feb. 15, 1927	Died Feb. 7, 1928
Whitmarsh, Henry A.	A. 1st R. I. L. Art.	55 Providence	Oct. 4, 1927	Present
Woobank, James W.	U. S. Navy	47 Providence	Oct. 20, 1926	Present
Young, Gilbert	K. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	55 Willimantic Conn.	Aug. 15, 1928	Present
Young, William S.	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	57 Providence	July 8, 1925	Present

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Ahern, John E.	151st Depot Brig.	36 Providence	Mar. 31, 1926	Present
Allard, Albert O.	Batt. D. 12th F. Art.	37 Woonsocket	Nov. 4, 1926	Present
Blomstrom, Ernest A.	Hdqs. Co. 28th U. S. Inf.	38 Hoxsie	April 13, 1927	Present
Bullock, Wm. H. H.	Ord. Detached Ser.	32 Providence	July 6, 1928	Present
Chase, Earl S.	G. 29th Eng.	35 Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Present
Crawley, John E.	Hdqts. 310 Inf. 78th Div.	34 Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Present
Cuimino, Michele	D. 110th Am. Train	32 Providence	Feb. 15, 1928	Present
Demski, Albert	D. 39th R. I. Inf.	31 Warren	April 22, 1927	Present
Eldridge, Ralph W.	24th Spruce Sqd.	33 Maine	Aug. 8, 1924	Present
Gallagher, Edward H.	1108th A. S. Sqd.	43 Natick	July 16, 1928	Present
Laferiere, Romeo E.	I. 101st 26th Div.	29 Arctic	Jan. 11, 1928	Present
Levine, Harry	101st Supply Train 5th Pioneer Inf.	31 Providence	Dec. 31, 1927	Present
Papillon, Moncel	320th Supply Co.,	44 Pawtucket	Mar. 6, 1928	Present
Pearson, Adolph	304th Remnant Depot	41 Providence	Dec. 22, 1927	Present
Powers, James J.	1032nd Supply F. Art.	59 Providence	Nov. 3, 1928	Present
Ratigan, John J.	P. Div. Bn No. 4	36 Providence	Feb. 16, 1928	Present
Wilkinson, Arthur	U. S. Navy	24 Central Falls	Aug. 22, 1927	Hon. Dis. Dec. 13, 1927

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Soldiers' Home	$55,161.27
Soldiers' Relief, Civil War	9,976.00
Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars	2,500.00
Administrative	1,014.71
Metallic Grave Markers	500.00
Decorating Graves	969.12
Printing Journal of 59th encampment of G. A. R.	161.50
Headstones for Graves of War Veterans	1,313.17
Burial of Honorably Discharged Soldiers	554.32

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Report

PROVIDENCE, R. I.
November 30, 1929.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island.

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief presents its forty-first annual report.

Organization

The board as at present constituted is:—

Governor Norman S. Case, Chairman.
General Treasurer George C. Clark, Treasurer.
Adjutant General Arthur C. Cole.
Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1932
Samuel A Wheldon, Tenth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1931.
Charles H. Bowden, First R. I. Light Art'y, term expires 1930.
Rovert M. Pollard, Third Reg. R. I. Cavalry, term expires 1932.
Charles O. Smith, Eighteehth N. H. Infantry, term expires 1930.
Hiram S. Johnson, Twenty-first Conn. Infantry, term expires 1931.
Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. Vol. Inf., term expires 1930.
Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army retired, term expires 1931.
Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A., term expires 1932.
Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy and Second R. I. Vol., Secretary.

The Officers of the Home are as follows:

Susan M. Sheple.....Commandant
Dr. Alfred M. Merriman.....Surgeon
Edward A. Everett.....Adjutant

During the past year a number of improvements have been made at the Home, the principal ones being the painting of a large number of the buildings and the grading of the grounds east of the Hospital. The Executive Committee headed by Hon. Ezra Dixon have shown great interest in the management of the Home. During the past year twelve meetings of the Board have been held, one of which was at the Home.

Monthly reports as required by the Board of Managers of the National Homes, at Dayton, Ohio, have been forwarded and there has been received during the past year the sum of $5,430.00 under the Act of Congress providing Aid to State and Territorial Homes.

The Home was Inspected on June 13, 1929 by Colonel B. K. Cash, N. H. D. V. S.

On July 14, 1929 the Board met with a great loss in the death of Jeremiah I. Greene, his membership dating from January 31, 1922. Hiram S. Johnson, Co. K, 21st Connecticut Vol. was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On April 30, 1929, Earl H. McKenzie resigned as Adjutant of the Home. The vacancy was filled by Edward A. Everett on May 29, 1929.

The Department of Rhode Island Grand Army of the Republic, also many other of the Patriotic organizations have visited the Home during the past year carrying with them good cheer to the members.

The Committee on neglected graves, Robert M. Pollard, Charles H. Bowden, and Willis C. Metcalf report that during the past year there has been erected the following number of headstones; Revolutionary War 3, Civil War 12, Spanish War 9, World War 5. There are at the present date being cut the following headstones that have been ordered during the past year, Revolutionary War 2, Civil War 26, Spanish War 16, World War 26, Mexican War 1. There have been located and marked with the appropriate iron marker and flag the unmarked graves of the following soldiers of all wars; Revolutionary War 89, Civil War 40, Spanish War 54, World War 32, Mexican War 2, Indian War 1, Colonial Wars 2.

There are a very large number of graves of soldiers of the so called "Colonial Wars" or Wars prior to 1770 as many of the

citizens of the State of Rhode Island rendered important services during that period and this committee has received authority to use the Colonial War Marker now used by the Society of the Colonial Wars, and we have had designed a marker for that war which closely follows the design of the above mentioned marker with no mention of the Society on the marker and it makes a beautiful State Marker for that war. The above remarks hold good for a marker designed for the Indian Wars, a number of these veterans being buried in this State.

Section 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Laws,

Entitled

"Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home"

SEC. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof shall be paid over to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and idspose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be a part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, cumforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

Financial Statement of Fund

Balance November 30, 1928	$17,750.03
Received during 1929	3,177.49
Interest received	855.14
	$21,782.66
Expenditures 1929	1,064.82
Balance November 30, 1929	20,717.84

RESOLUTION making an appropriation for the purpose of printing the journal of the sixty-first annual encampment of the department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic.

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the state board of soldeirs' relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1929, for the purpose of printing the journal of the sixty-first annual encampment of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic: and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt of proper vouchers approved by the secretary of the state board of soldiers' relief.

Appropriation	$200.00
Expenditures	$78.80

The following Enclosures Accompany This Report

A. Report of Secreatry, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief Civil War.

C. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief Foreign Wars.

D. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

E. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.

F. Roll of members of the Soldiers' Home.

G. Summary of Expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN S. CASE,
GOVERNOR AND CHAIRMAN

GEORGE C. CLARK,
GENERAL TREASURER

ARTHUR C. COLE,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

EZRA DIXON
SAMUEL A. WHELDON
CHARLES H. BOWDEN
ROBERT M. POLLARD
CHARLES O. SMITH
HIRAM S. JOHNSON
SYDNEY D. HARVEY
WILLIS C. METCALF
LUKE H. CALLAN

State Board of Soldiers' Relief

FRED A. BURT, SECRETARY.

Enclourses

A

Report of State Pension Agent

Providence, R. I.
November 30, 1929.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the year ending November 30, 1929.

Number of claims filed by this office during the year	135
Classified as follows:	
Soldiers and sailors pension Act of May 1, 1920 and July 3, 1926	5
Widows pension act of July 3, 1926	13
Widows accrued pension	2
Re-married widows pension Act of July 3, 1926	1
Guardians pension claim	2
Soldiers pension under general law	2
Spanish war soldiers and sailors pension act May 1, 1926	16
Spanish war soldiers and sailors increase pension act May 1, 1926	55
Spanish war widows pension Act of May 1, 1926	15
Minor childrens claim	2
Reimbursement claims	11
Application for new pension certificate	1
Application for unpaid check	9
Application for certificate of discharge	1

Total number of claims filed in this department at Washinton by the State Pension Agent to November 30, 1929 was 14,084.

Over eight humdred affidavits and papers were executed in 1929. Many of these applications and affidavits were executed at the residence of the affiants, which by reason of illnes and old age were unable to visit this office.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. BURT,
STATE PENSION AGENT.

B

Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief, Civil War.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief ,Civil War for the year ending November 30, 1929. No change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund for Soldiers' Relief. During the past year seven hundredand sixty three orders for groceries have been issued.

Appropriation	$10,000.00
Disbursements	$9,910.00

Respectfully,

FRED A. BURT
AGENT SOLDIERS' RELIEF

C

Report of Agent, Relief, Foreign Wars.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars for the year ending November 30, 1929. As in the preceding case no change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund. Three hundred and sixty five orders for groceries have been issued during the past year.

Appropriation	$2,500.00
Disbursements	$2,500.00

Respectfully.

FRED A. BURT
AGENT SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

D

To the Board of Managers; Board of Soldiers' Relief:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith my eighth report as Commandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceding:

November 30, 1:98, present	54
November 30, 1928, absent	42
Total	96
Actual gain during the year	25
Total	121
Actual loss during the year	22
Present and absent November 30, 1929	99

Actual Gain		Actual Loss	
By admission	23	By discharge	11
By readmission	2	By death	11
Total	25	Total	22

Total number admitted since the Home opened 1,141

Of the number present 37 are reported sick in the hospital and 5 on extra duty, as follows:

Ward Sergeant	1	Cleaners	5

Civilian Employees

Commandant		Surgeon		Adjutant	
Engineer	1			Cooks	2
Fireman	3			Cook's Assistant	1
Chief Nurse	1			Dishwashers	2
Assistant Nurses	6			Waiters	2
Hersdman	1			Barber	1
Cleaners	2			Farmer	1
Caretaker Helps Qts	1			Farmer Assistant	1
Laborer	1				

Abe or Members.

Average age of those admitted during the year, 84, Civil War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 59, Spanish War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 40, World War.
Average age of decedents, 86, Civil War.
Average age of decedents, 67, Spanish wWar.
Average age of decedents, 57, World War.

Averages During the Year.

Present		Present and Absent	
Quarter ending March 31	49	Quarter ending March 31	96
Quarter ending June 30	41	Quarter ending June 30	92
Quarter ending September 30	38	Quarter ending September 30	94
Two months ending Novedber 30	47	Two months ending November 30	99
Average	44	Average	95

Number of deaths since the Home opened 655

I wish to thank the officers and members of all the different organizations and the countless friends for their continued interest as exemplified in their many acts of kindness so graciously performed.

To the Board of Managers, expecially the members of the Executive Committee, Hon. Ezra Dixon, Chairman, I express my very sincere appreciation of their kind assistance in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN M. SHEPLE,
COMMANDANT.

DEATHS

Civil War

1. William O. Tucker, D. 1st Mass. Cav., Admitted June 29, 1915, Died January 8, 1929. Cause arteric sclerosis, cancer of the stomach. Buried in the North Cemetary, Bristol, R. I.

2. Bernard Gough, D. 1st R. I. L. Art., Admitted June 19, 1925. Died January 15, 1929. Cause unknown died while on furlough, Buried in Pawtucket, R. I.

3. Charles E. Greene, H. 51st Mass. Inf., Admitted October 23, 1925, Died January 28, 1929. Cause cancer of the stomach. Buried in Douglass, Mass.

4. Michael Noon, B. 1st R. I. Inf. Admitted October 7, 1912, Died February 13, 1929. Cause arteric sclerosis. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetary, Bristol, R. I.

5. Joseph Fieldsend, F. 4th R. I. Inf. D. 7th R. I. Inf. Admitted June 23, 1914, Died May 9, 1929. Cause arterio sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

6. William Reddy, C. 12th R. I. Inf. Readmitted March 16, 1929. Died June 18, 1929. Cause arterio sclerosis cerebral hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives.

7. Joseph N. Weaver, I, 18th Conn. Inf. Admitted Oct. 1, 1929. Died November 25, 1929. Cause arterio sclerosis gangrene of foot, Buried in North Cemetary, Bristol, Rl I.

Spanish War

8. John H. Arnold, A. 1st R. I. L. Art. Admitted March 9, 1925. Died April 8, 1929. Cause arterio sclerosis, cerebral hemorrhage. Buried in North Cemetary, Bristol, R. I.

9. Henry Whitmarsh, A. 1st R. I. L. Art. B. Batty, 103rd F. Art. Admitted October 4, 1927. Died May 5, 1929. Cause senile dementia. Burried in North Burial Ground, Providence, R. I.

10. John J. Collins, 2nd Band Artillery. Admitted March 16, 1929. Died August 18, 1929. Cause arterio sclerosis, cerebral hemorrhage, Remains taken by relatives.

11. John R. Sumner, A. 1st R. I. U. S. Art. Admitted May 16, 1922, Died November 8, 1929. Cause arterios clerosis, cancer. Buried in North Burial Ground, Providence, R. I.

E

Bristol, R. I.
November 30, 1929.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief;

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home, for the year ending November 30, 1929.

Number of men in the hospital November 30, 1928	44
Number of men on leave November 30, 1928	33
Number of men admitted to hospital	27
Number of men admitted to hospital from wards	3
Number of men admitted to hospital from outside	24
Number of deaths this year Civil War	7
Number of deaths this year Spanish War	4
Total number of deaths	11
Number of men discharged from hospital	5
Number of men present November 30, 1929	37
Number of men absent November 30, 1929	44

I am grateful to the members of your Honorable Board and to the Commandant for their co-operation; and obliged to my assistants for their services.

Very respectfully submitted,

ALFRED M. MERRIMAN,
SURGEON.

CIVIL WAR

Name	Co. and Regimen	Age	Admitted from	When Admitted	Status
Agan, John	G. 2nd Batt'	74	Providence	June 14, 1921	Present
Baker, William G.	F. 1st R. I. Cav.	68	Providence	July 13, 1914	Present
Bell, Thomas	B. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	79	Providence	March 5, 1920	Present
Brayton, Frederick C.	B. Ist R. I. L. Art.	80	Providence	Dec. 21, 1926	Present
Brown, Marcus M.	D. C. L. & R. I. Vol.	50	Woonsocket	Aug. 5, 1891	Present
Cahill, Thomas	B. 5th R. I. H. Art.	77	Providence	Apr. 21, 1925	Present
Clough, Samuel H.	G. 15th U. S. Inf.	71	Providence	July 26, 1920	Present
Clough, William	K. 12th R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Sept. 9, 1891	Present
Collins, William L.	B. 5th R. I. H. Art.	89	Rockdale, Mass.	Dec. 8, 1927	Present
Daley, John P.	B. 11th R. I. Inf.	72	Providence	Mar. 18, 1918	Present
Elliott, Daniel W.	B. 1st R. I. L. Art.	82	Providence	July 7, 1925	Present
Fieldsend, Joseph	F. 4th R. I. Inf.	74	Richmond	June 23, 1914	Died May 9, 1929.
Gardiner, Charles H.	C. 14th R. I. H. Art.	83	Providence	Feb. 13, 1926	Present
Green, Charles E.	K. 1st N. H. H. Art.	81	Providence	Sept. 9, 1927	Present [1929
Greene, Charles E.	H. 51st Mass. Inf.	82	West Barrington	Oct. 23, 1925	Died Jan. 28,
Gough, Bernard	D. 1st R. I. L. Art.	83	Pawtucket	June 19, 1925	Died Jan. 15, 1929
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D. 1st R. I. L. Art.	76	Providence	Oct. 16, 1917	Present
Hopkins, J. Ray	L. 10th R. I. Vol.	77	Richmond	Dec. 6, 1922	Present
McSoley, James	A. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	56	Providence	Aug. 1, 1905	Present
Melville, Peter D.	A. 5th R. I. H. Art.	75	Newport	Feb. 21, 1920	Present
Nelson, John	U. S. Navy	67	Providence	Apr. 17, 1906	Present
Niles, Nathaniel	A. 1st R. I. Cav.	79	Providence	May 22, 1927	Present [1929
Noon, Michael	B. 1st R. I. D. M.	71	Newport	Oct. 9, 1912	Died Feb. 13,

Owens, Michael	E. 4th R. I. Inf.	74	Woonsocket	Jan. 12, 1916	Present
Potter, Philip I.	B. 14th R. I. H. Art.	70	Providence	Apr. 13, 1913	Present
Proctor, Thomas B.	B. 2nd R. I. Inf.	80	Hampton, Conn.	Oct. 5, 1920	Present
Randall, John M.	E. 2nd U. S. Inf.	71	Riverpoint	Jan. 1, 1918	Present
Redding, Edwin	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Nov. 28, 1911	Present [1929
Reddy, William	C. 12th R. I. Inf.	83	Providence	Mar. 16, 1929	Died June 18,
Riley, Peter	E. 2nd R. I. Inf.	71	Providence	Jan. 25, 1917	Present
Rourke, Patrick	C. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	76	Providence	June 18, 1924	Present
Simmons S. Barteltt	F. 1st R. I. D. M.	85	Elizaveth, N. J.	Aug. 5, 1921	Present
Smith, Alexander G.	G. 17th Mass. Inf.	82	Providence	July 15, 1918	Present
Sullivan, Michael	C. 4th R. I. Inf.	83	Maine	June 19, 1924	Present [1929
Tucker, William O.	D. 1st Mass. Cav.	67	Providence	June 29, 1925	Died Jan. 8,
Weaver, Joseph N.	I. 18th Conn. Inf.	84	Providence	Oct. 1, 1929	Died Nov. 25,
Young, William E.	G. 2nd R. I. Inf.	62	Providence	Aug. 14, 1908	Present [1929

SPANISH WAR

Arnold,, Ira W.	L. 1st R. I. Inf.	67	Woonsocket	Oct. 22, 1923	Present [1929
Arnold, John H.	A. 1st R. I. L. Art.	60	Providence	Mar. 9, 1925	Died Apr. 8
Arnzen, Niles J.	C. 1st R. I. Vol.	56	Providence	Feb. 6, 1926	Present
Ashworth, Edward H.	K. 1st R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Dec. 14, 1923	Present
Beauregard, Eugene	L. 1st R. I. Vol.	48	Woonsocket	Oct. 13, 1925	Present
Beech, John W.	F. 1st R. I. Inf.	57	Pawtucket	Jan. 16, 1928	Hon. Dis. Feb [5, 1929.
Benjamin, Frank A.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	49	Woonsocket	Apr. 20, 1928	Present
Bradley, John	Batt'y E. 2nd U. S. Art F. 1st U. S. Inf.	59	Pawtucket	Sept. 15, 1928	Present

SPANISH WAR—Concluded

Brohen, Edward	I. 3rd U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Sept. 21, 1928	Present
Burke, John	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	46	Lonsdale	June 14, 1927	Present
Burke, Robert	I. U. S. Vol.	56	Providence	Oct. 10, 1928	Hon. Dis. Apr [11, 1929
Buxton, Louis	D. 2nd U. S. Art.	47	Cranston	Oct. 27, 1927	Present
Carpenter, George F.	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	64	Rumford	Dec. 17, 1924	Present
Casey, Felix F.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	60	Melville, Mass.	June 7, 1929	Present
Casey, William S.	E. 3rd Comn. Inf.	49	Woonsocket	June 4, 1926	Present
Christie, Hugh C.	H. 1st R. I. Vol.	69	Maine	Mar. 13, 1925	Present [1929
Collins, John J.	S2nd Band Art.	47	Providence	Mar. 16, 1929	Died Aug. 18,
Conley, Patrick	U. S. Navy	58	Providence	Mar. 16, 1925	Present
Conley, Peter	C. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	54	Providence	Sept. 7, 1927	Present
Creed, James J.	A. 11th U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	July 13, 1927	Present
Cuff, John F.	D. 49th Inf.	55	Providence	Sept. 12, 1924	Present
Cull, Thomas	B. 10th Ohio Inf.	51	Providence	Oct. 17, 1924	Present
Cunningham, Thomas J.	C. 1st R. I. Inf.	52	Pawtucket	Aug. 16, 1927	Present
Devlin, John M.	F. 1st R. I. Inf.	58	New Hampshire	June 14, 1925	Present [17, 1929.
Fly, Edward D.	D. 1st R. I. Inf.	55	Providence	Feb. 26, 1926	Hon. Dis.Feb
Gallagan, John W.	C. 1st R. I. Inf.	61	Providence	Apr. 12, 1928	Present
Graham, Walter H.	L. 26th U. S. Inf.	57	Providence	Jan. 13, 1926	Present
Hunt, George R.	U. S. Navy	48	Providence	Mar. 15, 1926	Present
Keating, Daniel J.	L. 1st R. I. Vol.	59	Providence	Dec. 9, 1927	Present
Keegan, Edward	H. 1st R. I. Vol.	49	Providence	Nov. 16, 1926	Present
Lafond, Caspard	H. 15 th U. S. Inf.	50	Pawtucket	Jan. 20, 1926	Present

Lee, William E.	M. 1st R. I. Vol.	62	Providence	Feb. 10, 1927	Hon. Dis. [Sept. 5, 1929.
Lee, William E.	M. 1st R. I. Vol.	64	Providence	Nov. 16, 1929	Present
Maguire, Elisha	E. R. I. Vol. Inf.	49	Providence	Apr. 27, 1928	Present
Martellucci, Gusippi	72nd U. S. Coast Art.	51	Providence	Oct. 24, 1929	Present
McKay, James W.	A. 1st R. I. Vol.	70	E. Providence	Sept. 13, 1928	Present
McMahon, John F.	L. 1st R. I. Inf.	74	Howard	Sept. 27, 1929	Present
Murr, B. Alvin	Hosp. Corps	55	Oxford, Mass.	May 22, 1926	Present
Rafferty, Thomas	C. 1st R. I. Vol.	68	Providence	Apr. 8, 1928	Present
Reddy, William	E. 12th U. S. Art.	57	Providence	Oct. 10, 1929	Present
Robaliske, Constantine	G. 1st R. I. Vol.	56	Providence	Oct. 21, 1928	Present
Quiniat, Sebastian	I. 1st R. I. Inf.	68	Providence	Mar. 25, 1926	Present
Riley, Bernard	B. 22nd Inf.	54	Hope	Feb. 20, 1928	Present
Rogers, Ephraim	M. 46th U. S. Ingf.	54	Arctic	Nov. 19, 1926	Hon. Dis. Jan. [17, 1929.
Stanley, Byron B.	13th Batt'y F. Art.	50	Prov dence	Mar. 23, 1928	Present
Sullivan, John	K. 1st R. I. Vol.	57	Providence	Oct. 21, 1928	Present [1929
Sumner, John R.	A. 1st R. I. Inf.	68	Providence	Oct. 21, 1926	Died Nov. 8,
Wheeler, Peter	A. 20th U. S. Reg.	52	Providence	Oct. 9, 1929	Present [1929
Whitmarsh, Henry A.	A. 1st R. I. L. Art.	55	Providence	Oct. 4, 1927	Died May 5,
Williams, John P.	E. 1st R. I. Inf.	52	New Hampshire	Sept. 9, 1929	Present
Woobank, James W.	U. S. Navy	47	Providence	Oct. 1926 20,	Present
Young, Gilbert	K. 1st R. I. Vol.	55	Williamantic, Conn.	Aug. 15, 1928	Hon. Dis. Apr [13, 1929.
Young, William S.	H. 1st R. I. Inf.	57	Providence	July 8, 1925	Present

WORLD WAR

Ahern, John E.	151st Depot Brig.	36	Provide ce	Mar. 31, 1926	Present
Allard, Alberto O.	Batt. D. 12th F. Art.	37	Woonsocket	Nov. 4, 1926	Present
B rnes, James D.	G. 12th N. Y. Inf.	51	Provide ce	Jan. 4, 1929	Hon. Dis. Apr [25, 1929.
Bliss, Harry A.	U. S. Navy	42	Providence	Mar. 4, 1929	Hon. Dis. [Aug 24, 1929.
Blomstrom, Ernest A.	Hdqs. Co. 28th U. S. Inf.	39	Hoxsie	Apr. 13, 1927	Present
Bullock, Wm. H. H.	Ord. Detached Ser.	32	Providence	July 6, 1928	Present
Burke, Frederick B.	Ord. Unassigned	33	Provi ence	July 26, 1929	Present
Chase, Earl S.	G. 29th Eng.	35	Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Present
Chaput, Henry	11th 152nd D. B. E. 110th Inf.	35	Woonsocket	June 17, 1929	Present
Crawley, John E.	Hdqts. 310th Inf. 78th Div.	34	Pawtucket	Feb. 15, 1928	Present
Cuimino, Michele	D. 110th Am. Train	32	Providence	Feb. 15, 1928	Present
Demaki, Albert	D. 31—R. I. Inf.	31	Warren	Apr. 22, 1927	Present
Drysdale, Edward	18th 66th Reg.	32	Warren	Mar. 16, 1929	Present
Eldredge, Ralph W.	24th Spruce Sqd.	33	Maine	Aug. 8, 1924	Present
Gallagher, Edward H.	1168th A. S. Sqd.	43	Natick	July 16, 1928	Present
Gleason, Edward	78th Coast Art.	52	Berkeley	Nov. 14, 1929	Present
Hale, James C.	A. 4th Ammunition Train	40	Newport	Jan. 12, 1929	Present
Holland, John	L. 314th Inf.	41	Providence	July 10, 1929	Present
Harrison, Ernest	A. 310th Inf.	40	Providence	Oct. 2, 1929	Present
Laferiere, Romeo E.	I. 101st 26th Div.	29	Arctic	Jan. 11, 1928	Present

Levine, Harry	101st Supply Train, 5th Pioneer Inf.	31	Providence	Dec. 31, 1927	Present
McMahon, Owen	157th Trans. Corps	39	Arctic	Dec. 17. 1929	Hon. Dis. [Sept. 5, 1929.
Nadeau, Albert	154th U. S. Depot Brig.	36	Woonsocket	Aug. 8, 1929	Present
O'Rourke, Thomas S.	54th Depot Brigade	42	Providence	Dec. 27, 1928	Present
Papillon, Moncel	320th Supply Co.	44	Pawtucket	Mar. 6. 1928	Hon. Dis. [Feb. 17, 1929.
Pearson, Adolph	304th Remnant Depot	41	Providence	Dec. 22, 1927	Present
Powers, James J.	132nd Supply F. Art.	59	Providence	Nov. 3, 1928	Hon. Dis. [Apr. 11, 1929
Ratigan, John J.	P. Div. Bn. No. 4	36	Providence	Feb. 16, 1928	Present
Riley, Joseph	1st Class Rep. Shop Unit Quar. Corps	38	Providence	Dec. 12, 1928	Present
St. Germain, William	151st U. S. Dep. Brig.	44	Woonsocket	Aug. 8, 1929	Present
Vanasse, Joseph D. A.	E. 1st. Hdqts.	38	Woonsocket	May 20, 1929	Present

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Soldiers' Home	$60,136.21
Soldiers' Relief, Civil War	9,910.00
Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars	2,500.00
Administrative	1,361.23
Metallic Grave Markers	447.80
Decorating Graves Memorial Day	841.33
Printing Journal of 60th Encampment of G. A. R.	78.80
Care of Graves of Honorably Discharged Soldiers	2,484 67

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REPORT

Providence, R. I.
January 1, 1931.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island.

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief presents its forty-second annual report.

Organization

The Board as at present constituted is:—

Governor Norman S. Case, Chairman.
General Treasurer George C. Clark, Treasurer.
Adjutant General Arthur C. Cole.
Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1932.
Samuel A. Whelden, Tenth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1931.
Charles H. Bowden, First R. I. Light Art'y, term expires 1933.
Robert M. Pollard, Third R. I. Cavalry, term expires 1932.
Charles O. Smith, Eighteenth N. H. Infantry, term expires 1933.
George B. Smith, First R. I. Detached Militia, term expires 1931.
Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. Vol. Inf., term expires 1933.
Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army, retired, term expires 1931.
Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Officers Reserve Corps, U. S. A., term expires 1932.
Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy and Second R. I. Vol., Secretary.

The Officers of the Home are as follows:

Susan M. Sheple.....Commandant
Emil M. Klein.....Adjutant
Alfred M. Merriman.....Surgeon

During the seven months period covered by this report six of the regular meetings of the Board have been held at the State House on the second Tuesday of each month and one at the Soldiers' Home, Bristol. The Executive Committee consisting of Hon. Ezra Dixon, Chairman, Samuel A. Whelden, and Sydney D. Harvey have visited the home repeatedly and have shown great interest in its management.

Monthly reports as required by the Board of Managers, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Dayton, Ohio, have been forwarded and there has been received during the seven months period the sum of $3090.00 under the Act of Congress providing Aid to State and Territorial Homes. The Home was inspected June 19, 1930 by Colonel B. K. Cash, of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

The members of the Home have been visited and entertained by the following organizations: Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary.

The Committee on neglected graves, Robert M. Pollard, Charles H. Bowden, and Willis C. Metcalf report that during the seven months period there has been erected the following number of headstones: Revolutionary War 4, Civil War 22, Spanish War 4, World War 1. There remain the following headstones to be delivered by the Federal Government: Revolutionary War 10, Civil War 22, Spanish War 15, World War, 23.

The following unmarked graves have been located, marked and flagged: Revolutionary War 174, Colonial Wars 30, Civil War 1, Indian Wars 1, Spanish War 1, World War 10.

There has been designed and adopted a marker for the War of 1812 and it is expected to be delivered in time to commence the work of marking the graves of the Veterans of that war in the near future. A number of old and abandoned cemeteries have been cleaned up and made presentable.

The City of Newport appropriates $5,000.00 annually for this purpose and a splendid start has been made in this direction. The Town of Bristol appropriates $500.00 annually for this purpose, and an effort will be made in the near future towards requesting other cities and towns to do likewise.

Section 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Laws, Entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home"

Sec. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid over to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the Soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

Financial Statement of Fund

Balance November 30, 1929	$20,717.84
Received during seven months period	128.44
Interest received	466.07
	$21,312.35
Expenditures during seven months period	1,738.94
Balance June 30, 1930	$19,573.41

The Following Enclosures Accompany This Report

A. Report of Secretary, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief Civil War.

C. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief Foreign Wars.

D. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

E. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.

F. Roll of members of the Soldiers' Home.

G. Summary of Exepnditures.

Respectfully submitted

NORMAN S. CASE
Governor and Chairman

GEORGE C. CLARK
General Treasurer

ARTHUR C. COLE
The Adjutant General

EZRA DIXON

SAMUEL A. WHELDEN

CHARLES H. BOWDEN

ROBERT M. POLLARD

CHARLES O. SMITH

GEORGE B. SMITH

SYDNEY D. HARVEY

WILLIS C. METCALF

LUKE H. CALLAN

State Board of Soldiers' Relief

FRED A. BURT, Secretary

Enclosures

A

Report of State Pension Agent

Providence, R. I.
January 1, 1931.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the seven months period ending June 30, 1930.

Number of claims filed by this office during this period..... 148

Classified as follows:

Soldiers and sailors pension Act of May 1, 1920 and July 3, 1926	4
Widows pension Act of July 3, 1926	5
Soldiers pension under General Law	2
Soldiers pension increase under General Law	2
Widows pension under General Law	1
Spanish War Soldiers and Sailors pensions Act May 1, 1926	13
Spanish War Soldiers and Sailors pensions increase Act May 1, 1926	53
Spanish War Soldiers and Sailors pensions Act June 2, 1930	2
Spanish War Soldiers and Sailors pensions increase Act June 2, 1930	46
Spanish War widows pension Act May 1, 1926	9
Reimbursement claims	6
Application for new certificate	1
Applications for unpaid checks	3
Application for certificate of discharge in lieu of one lost	1

Total number of claims filed in this department at Washington by the State Pension Agent to June 30, 1930 was 14,232.

Over four hundred affidavits and papers were executed during the seven months period ending June 30, 1930. Many of these applications and affidavits were executed at the residence of the affiants whom by reason of illness or old age were unable to visit this office.

Respectfully submitted

FRED A. BURT

State Pension Agent

B

Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief, Civil War

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil War for the seven months period ending June 30, 1930. No change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund for Soldiers' Relief. During the seven months period four hundred and thirty five orders for groceries have been issued.

Appropriation	$3,733.33
Disbursements	$3,676.00

C

Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars for the seven months period ending June 30, 1930. As in the preceding case no change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund. One hundred and eighty six orders for groceries have been issued.

Appropriation	$1,458.33
Disbursements	$1,458.33

D

To the Board of Managers; Board of Soldiers' Relief:

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my ninth report as Comandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceding:

November 30, 1929, present	48
November 30, 1929, absent	51
Total	99
Actual gain during the seven months ending June 30, 1930	17
Total	116
Actual loss during the seven months ending June 30, 1930	8
Present and absent June 30, 1930	108

ACTUAL GAIN		ACTUAL LOSS	
By admission	17	By discharge	5
By readmission	0	By death	3
Total	17	Total	8

Total number admitted since the Home opened.....1158

Of the number present 24 are reported sick in the hospital and 6 on extra duty as follows:

Ward Sergeant	1	Cleaners	5

Civilian Employees

Commandant		Surgeon		Adjutant	
Engineer	1	Cooks	3		
Fireman	3	Cooks Assistants	1		
Chief Nurse	1	Dishwashers	2		
Assistant Nurses	6	Waiters	2		
Herdsman	1	Barber	1		
Cleaners	2	Farmer	1		
Caretaker Helps Qts	1	Farmer Assistant	1		
Laborer	4				

Age of Members

Average age of those admitted during the year, 82, Civil War.

Average age of those admitted during the year, 56, Spanish War.

Average age of those admitted during the year, 41, World War.

Average age of decedents, 84, Civil War.

Average age of decedents, 57, Spanish War.

Averages During the Year

PRESENT		PRESENT AND ABSENT	
Quarter ending Nov. 31, 1929	47	Quarter ending Nov. 31, 1930	99
Quarter ending Mar. 31, 1930	56	Quarter ending Mar. 31, 1930	103
Quarter ending June 30, 1930	57	Quarter ending June 30, 1930	108
Averages	53	Averages	103

Number of deaths since the Home opened 660

I wish to thank the officers and members of all the different organizations and the countless friends for their many acts of kindness, and earnest co-operation.

To the Board of Managers, especially the Members of the Executive Committee, Honorable Ezra Dixon, Chairman, I express my deep appreciation for their loyal support.

Respectfully submitted
SUSAN M. SHEPLE
Commandant

DEATHS

Civil War

1. Niles, Nathaniel J. A. 1st R. I. Cav. Admitted May 22, 1927, Died Jan. 26, 1930. Cause arterio selerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

2. Elliott, Daniel W. Batt. B, 1st R. I. Light Art. Admitted July 7, 1925, Died April 5, 1930. Cause Arterio selerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

3. Bell, Thomas, B. 3rd R. I. Hvy Art. Admitted Aug. 16, 1910. Died June 29, 1930. Cause Arterio selerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

E

Bristol, Rhode Island
June 30, 1930.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief;

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home, for the seven months ending June 30, 1930.

Number of men in the Hospital Nov. 30, 1929	32
Number of men on leave Nov. 30, 1929	41
Number of men admitted to the Hospital	20
Number of men admitted to Hospital from Wards	7
Number of men admitted to Hospital from outside	17
Number of deaths this year Civil War	3
Total number of deaths	3
Number of men discharged from Hospital	7
Number of men present June 30, 1930	24
Number of men absent June 30, 1930	41

I am grateful to the members of your Honorable Board and to the Commandant for their co-operation; and obliged to my assistants for their services.

Very respectfully submitted
ALFRED M. MERRIMAN
Surgeon

CIVIL WAR

Name	Co. and Regiment	Age	Admitted from	When Admitted	Status
Agan, John	G. 2nd Bat. Vol.	74	Providence	June 14, 1921	Present
Baker, William G.	F. 1st R. I. Cav.	68	Providence	July 13, 1914	Present
Bell, Thomas	B. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	79	Providence	Mar. 5, 1920	Died June 29, [1930.
Brayton, Frederick C.	B. 1st R. I. L. Art.	80	Providence	Dec. 21, 1926	Present
Brown, Marcus M.	D. C. L. & R. I. Vol.	50	Woonsocket	Aug. 5, 1891	Present
Cahill, Thomas	B. 5th R. I. H. Art.	77	Providence	Apr. 21, 1925	Present
Clough, Samuel H.	G. 15th U. S. Inf.	71	Providence	July 26. 1920	Present
Clough William	K. 12th R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Sept. 9, 1891	Present
Collins, William L.	B. 5th R. I. H. Art.	89	Rockdale, Mass.	Dec. 8, 1927	Present
Daley, John P.	B. 11th R. I. Inf.	72	Providence	Mar. 18, 1918	Present
Elliott, Daniel W.	B. 1st R. I. L. Art.	82	Providence	July 7, 1925	Died Apr. 5, [1930.
Gardiner, Charles H.	C. 14th R. I. H. Art.	83	Providence	Feb. 13, 1926	Present
Green, Charles E.	K. 1st N. H. H. Art.	81	Providence	Sept. 9, 1927	Present
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D. 1st R. I. L. Art.	76	Providence	Oct. 16, 1917	Present
Hopkins, J. Ray	L. 10th R. I. Vol.	77	Richmond	Dec. 6, 1922	Present
McSoley, James	A. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	56	Providence	Aug. 1, 1905	Present
Melville, Peter D.	A. 5th R. I. H. Art.	75	Newport	Feb. 21, 1920	Present
Nelson John	U. S. Navy	67	Providence	April 17, 1906	Present
Niles, Nathaniel	A. 1st R. I. Cav.	79	Providence	May 22, 1927	Died Jan. 26, [1930.
Owens, Michael	E. 4th R. I. Inf.	74	Woonsocket	Jan. 12, 1916	Present
Potter, Philip I.	B. 14th R. I. H. Art.	70	Providence	April 13, 1913	Present
Proctor, Thomas B.	B. 2nd R. I. Inf.	80	Hampton, Conn.	Oct. 5, 1920	Present
Randall, John M.	E. 2nd U. S. Inf.	71	Riverpoint	Jan. 1, 1918	Present
Redding, Edwin	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Nov. 28. 1911	Present
Riley, Peter	E. 2nd R. I. Inf.	71	Providence	Jan. 25, 1917	Present
Rourke, Patrick	C. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	76	Providence	June 18, 1924	Present
Simmons, S. Bartlet	F. 1st R. I. D. M.	85	Elizabeth, N. J.	Aug. 5, 1921	Present
Smith, Alexander G.	G. 17th Mass. Inf.	82	Providence	July 15, 1918	Present
Stanton, Charles E.	11th Mass. Art.	82	Providence	Feb. 11, 1930	Present
Sullivan, Michael	C. 4th R. I. Inf.	83	Maine	June 19, 1924	Present
Young, William E.	G. 2nd R. I. Inf.	62	Providence	Aug. 14, 1908	Present

SPANISH WAR

Arnold. Ira W.	L. 1st R. I. Inf.	67	Woonsocket	Oct. 23, 1923	Present
Arnzen, Niles J.	C. 1st R. I. Vol.	56	Providence	Feb. 6, 1926	Present
Ashworth, Edward H.	K. 1st R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Dec. 14, 1923	Present
Beauregard, Eugene	L. 1st R. I. Vol.	48	Woonsocket	Oct. 13, 1925	Present
Benjamin, Frank A.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	49	Woonsocket	April 20, 1928	Present
Bradley, John	Battery E. 2nd U. S. Art. F. 1st U. S. Inf.	59	Pawtucket	Sept. 15, 1928	Present
Brohen, Edward	I. 3rd U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Sept. 21, 1928	Present
Burke, John	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	46	Lonsdale	June 14, 1927	Present
Buxton, Louis	D. 2nd U. S. Art.	47	Cranston	Oct. 27, 1927	Present
Carpenter, George F.	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	64	Rumford	Dec. 17, 1924	Present
Casey, Felix F.	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	60	Melville, Mass.	June 7, 1929	Present
Casey, William S.	E. 3rd Conn. Inf.	49	Woonsocket	June 4, 1926	Present
Christie, Hugh C.	H. 1st R. I. Vol.	69	Maine	Mar. 13, 1925	Present
Conley, Patrick	U. S. Navy	59	Providence	Mar. 16, 1925	Present
Conley, Peter	C. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	54	Providence	Sept. 7, 1927	Present
Creed, James J.	A. 11th U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	July 13, 1927	Present
Cuff, John F.	D. 49th Inf.	55	Providence	Sept. 12, 1924	Present
Cull. Thomas	B. 10th Ohio Inf.	51	Providence	Oct. 17, 1924	Present
Cunningham, Thomas J.	C. 1st R. I. Inf.	52	Pawtucket	Aug. 16, 1927	Present
Devlin, John M.	F. 1st R. I. Inf.	58	New Hampshire	June 14, 1925	Present
Gallagan, John W.	C. 1st R. I. Inf.	61	Providence	April 12, 1928	Present
Gavigan, James F.	E. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	56	Providence	Dec. 15, 1929	Present
Graham, Walter H.	L. 26th U. S. Inf.	57	Providence	Jan. 13, 1926	Present
Hackett, George	Troop E, 7th U. S. Cav.	58	Lincoln	May 14, 1930	Present
Harrington, Thomas E	F. 46th Reg. U. S. Inf.	56	Central Falls	April 11, 1930	Present
Hunt, George R.	U. S. Navy	48	Providence	Mar. 15, 1926	Present
Keating, Daniel J.	L. 1st R. I. Vol.	59	Providence	Dec. 9, 1927	Comitted to State Hospital May 19, 1930.

SPANISH WAR--Concluded

Keegan, Edward	H. 1st R. I. Vol.	49	Providence	Nov. 16, 1926	Present
Keegan, John J.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	57	Providence	Feb. 27, 1930	Present
Lafond, Gaspard	H. 15th U. S. Inf.	50	Pawtucket	Jan. 20, 1926	Present
Lee, William B.	M. 1st R. I. Vol.	64	Providence	Nov. 16, 1929	Present
Maguire, Elisha	E. R. I. Vol. Inf.	49	Providence	April 27, 1928	Present
Manderville, Harvey	Troop M U. S. Cav.	50	Central Falls	Dec. 10, 1929	Present
Martellucci, Gusippi	72nd U. S. Coast Art.	51	Providence	Oct. 24, 1929	Present
McKay, James W.	A. 1st R. I. Vol.	70	East. Prov.	Sept. 13, 1928	Present
McMahon, John F.	L. 1st R. I. Inf.	74	Howard	Sept. 27, 1929	Present
Murr, B. Alvin	Hosp. Corps	55	Oxford, Mass.	May 22, 1926	Present
O'Connor, John Jr.	1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	55	Providence	Mar. 12, 1930	Present
Pearce, Julian M.	Troop I. 6th Reg. U. S. Cav.	53	Valley Falls	Jan. 21, 1926	Dishon. Dis. [Apr. 11, 1930
Rafferty, Thomas	C. 1st R. I. Vol.	68	Providence	Apr. 8, 1928	Present
Reddy, William	E. 12th U. S. Art.	57	Providence	Oct. 10, 1929	Present
Quiniat, Sebastian	I. 1st R. I. Inf.	68	Providence	Mar. 25, 1926	Present
Reilly, Charles T.	46th U. S. Reg.	58	Providence	June 13, 1930	Present
Riley, Bernard	B. 22nd Inf.	54	Hope	Feb. 20, 1928	Present
Scully, James T.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	65	Providence	Jan. 17, 1930	Present
Stanley, Byron B.	13th Bat. E. F. Art.	50	Providence	Mar. 23, 1928	Present
Spring, George F.	B. 46th R. I. U. S. Inf.	51	Woonsocket	Feb. 11, 1930	Present
Sullivan, John	K. 1st R. I. Vol.	57	Providence	Oct. 21, 1928	Present
Todd, Robert F.	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	50	Providence	Mar. 13, 1930	Present
Wheeler, Peter	A. 20th U. S. Reg.	52	Providence	Oct. 9, 1929	Present
Williams, John P.	E. 1st R. I. Inf.	52	New Hampshire	Sept. 9, 1929	Present
Woobank, James W.	U. S. Navy	47	Providence	Oct. 20, 1926	Present
Young, William S.	H. 1st R. I. Inf.	57	Providence	July 8, 1925	Present

WORLD WAR

Ahern, John E.	151st Depot Brig.	36	Providence	Mar. 31, 1926	Present
Allard, Alberto O.	Bat. D., 12th F. Art.	37	Woonsocket	Nov. 4, 1926	Dishon. Dis. [Apr. 11, 1930
Blomstrom, Ernest A.	Headquarters Co. 28th U. S. Inf.	39	Hoxsie	April 13, 1927	Present
Boyden, Charles S.	Co. B., 325th Inf.	35	Providence	Jan. 30, 1930	Present
Burke, Frederick B.	Ord. Unassigned	33	Providence	July 26, 1929	Present
Chase, Earl S.	G. 29th Eng.	35	Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Present
Chaput, Henry	11th-152nd D. B. E-110th Inf.	35	Woonsocket	June 17, 1929	Present
Connors, Frank H.	162nd F. Art.	58	Providence	April 9, 1930	Present
Crawley, John E.	A, 31st Inf. 78th Div.	34	Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Present
Crowley, Daniel J.	20th Co. Coast Art.	42	Providence	Jan. 14, 1930	Present
Cuimino, Michele	D. 110th Am. Train	32	Providence	Feb. 15, 1928	Present
Demaki, Albert	D-31st R. I. Inf.	31	Warren	April 22, 1927	Present
Drysdale, Edward F.	18th, 66th Reg.	32	Warren	Mar. 16, 1929	Present
Eldredge, Ralph W.	24th Spruce Sqd.	33	Maine	Aug. 8, 1924	Present
Gallagher, Edward H.	1102 Aero. Repl. Sqd.	43	Natick	July 16, 1928	Present
Gleason, Edward	78th Coast Art.	52	Berkeley	Nov. 14, 1929	Present
Hale, James C.	A-4th Ammunition Train	40	Newport	Jan. 12, 1929	Present
Holland, John C.	L-314th Inf.	41	Providence	July 10, 1929	Present
Harrison, Ernest	A-310th Inf.	40	Providence	Oct. 2, 1929	Dis. Dis Apr. [11, 1930.
Laferiere, Romeo E.	I-101st 26th Div.	29	Arctic	Jan. 11, 1928	Present
Levine, Harry	101st Supply Train 5th Pioneer Inf.	31	Providence	Dec. 31, 1927	Present
Lyons, Barney	6th Coast Art.	54	Providence	Mar. 19, 1930	Present
Nadeau, Albert	154th U. S. Depot Brig.	36	Woonsocket	Aug. 8, 1929	Present

WORLD WAR--Concluded

O'Rourke, Thomas	54th Depot Brig.	42	Providence	Dec. 27, 1928	Present
Paquette, Leonide	Unassigned Labor Co. 139th	40	Central Falls	Feb. 25, 1930	Present
Pearson, Adolph	304th Remount Depot	41	Providence	Dec. 22, 1927	Present
Ratigan, John J.	P-Div. Bn. No. 4	36	Providence	Feb. 16, 1928	Present
Riley, Joseph	1st Cl. Repair Shop Unit Q. C.	38	Providence	Dec. 12, 1928	Present
Ross, William P.	Bat. B, 32nd F. Art.	42	Providence	April 14, 1930	Present
St. Germain, William	151st U. S. Depot Brig.	44	Woonsocket	Aug. 8, 1929	Present
Vanasse, Joseph D. A.	E. 1st Hdqters	38	Woonsocket	May 20, 1929	Present

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REPORT

Providence, R. I.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island:

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief presents its forty-third annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931.

Organization

Governor Norman S. Case, Chairman.

General Treasurer George C. Clark, Treasurer.

Brig. Gen. Herbert R. Dean, The Adjutant General.

Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1932.

Samuel A. Whelden, Tenth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1934.

Charles H. Bowden, First R. I. Light Artillery, term expires 1933.

Robert M. Pollard, Third R. I. Cavalry, term expires 1932.

*Charles O. Smith, Eighteenth N. H. Infantry, term expires 1933.

**Thomas A. Buell, Ninth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1933.

George B. Smith, First R. I. Detached Militia, term expires 1934.

Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. Volunteer Infantry, term expires 1933.

Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army, Retired, term expires 1934.

Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A., term expires 1932.

Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy and Second R. I. Volunteers, Secretary.

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* Died April 18, 1931.

** Appointed April 24, 1931 for the unexpired term of Charles O. Smith.

General

Regular meetings of the Board have been held at the State House on the second Tuesday of each month during the fiscal year covered by this report. One special meeting was held on October 24, 1930.

During this period, the Executive Committee, consisting of Hon. Ezra Dixon, Chairman, Samuel A. Whelden and Sydney D. Harvey, have made frequent visits to the Home and have shown great interest in its management. Visits to the Home have also been made by the other members of the Board.

At the January session of the General Assembly, 1931, Sections 6, 7 and 8 of Chapter 117 of the General Laws, 1923, were amended, making the State Board of Soldiers' Relief custodian of the soldiers' burial lot located in the North Cemetery in the Town of Bristol.

It is with regret that we report the death of Charles O. Smith, who served as a member of this Board from January 13, 1927 to April 18, 1931, the date of his death.

It is also with regret that we have to record the death on June 1, 1931 of our Assistant Secretary, Susan E. Tyler, who had been an employee of this office for nearly thirty years.

Soldiers' Home

The officers of the Home are as follows:

Susan M. Sheple - - - -	Commandant
Emil M. Klein - - - - -	Adjutant
Alfred M. Merriman, M. D. - - -	Surgeon

During the period covered by this report, no improvements of a major character have been made at the Home. However, there have been extensive repairs of a general nature.

The regular quarterly and monthly reports as required by the Veterans Administration, Bureau of National Homes, Washington, have been forwarded, and this office has received through the office of the General Treasurer the sum of $5,894.00 under the Act of Congress providing aid to State and Territorial Homes.

The members of the Home have been visited and entertained by the following organizations: Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veter-

ans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Troop of Bristol, Bristol Train of Artillery Band, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Providence.

Vital statistics of the Home are given in enclosures C, D and E.

Committee on Neglected Graves

This committee, consisting of Robert M. Pollard, Willis C. Metcalf and Charles H. Bowden, report that during the fiscal year a few small family lots, which have been located and found to be in a neglected and abandoned condition, have been cleared of brush and made presentable. The families to which these cemeteries belonged are in most cases dead or have moved to other states, and all interest in the graves lost or forgotten. In many cases, the ownership of the land on which these graves are located has changed several times, and the present owners, except in a few instances, have no interest in these cemeteries.

There have been erected on graves of veterans of all wars during the past year fifty-six headstones which have been furnished by the United States Government, and application has been made for eighty-three stones not yet received. There has been a total of three hundred and twenty-two applications made for headstones, and of this number two hundred and thirty-nine have been obtained and erected since this committee was appointed on June 8, 1926.

The following metallic markers are now available: Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Indian Wars, Civil War, Spanish American War and the World War.

Decorating Graves of War Veterans

This activity, which consists of supplying flags and metallic markers to the veterans' organizations throughout the state, has increased more than sixty per cent. during the past two years. The reasons for this increase are that almost all of the patriotic organizations in our state are taking greater interest in this work and are now locating and marking graves which have heretofore been neglected, and, principally, that veterans' graves are now marked on Armistice Day in addition to Memorial Day.

Section 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Laws, Entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home"

Sec. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid over to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

Financial Statement of Fund

Balance June 30, 1930	$19,573.41
Received during fiscal year	1,313.26
Interest received	828.20
	$21,714.87
Expenditures June 30, 1930 to June 30, 1931	1,971.25
Balance June 30, 1931	$19,743.62

The following enclosures accompany this report:

A. Report of Secretary, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Foreign Wars.

C. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

D. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.
E. Roll of members of the Soldiers' Home.
F. Summary of Expenditures.

Respectfully submitted

NORMAN S. CASE
Governor and Chairman

GEORGE C. CLARK
General Treasurer

HERBERT R. DEAN
The Adjutant General

EZRA DIXON

SAMUEL A. WHELDEN

CHARLES H. BOWDEN

ROBERT M. POLLARD

THOMAS A. BUELL

GEORGE B. SMITH

SYDNEY D. HARVEY

WILLIS C. METCALF

LUKE H. CALLAN

State Board of Soldiers' Relief

FRED A. BURT, Secretary

Enclosures

A

Report of State Pension Agent

Providence, R. I.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931.

Number of claims filed by this office during this period..... 117

Classified as follows:

Soldiers' and sailors' pension, Acts March 3, 1927 and June 2, 1930	14
Soldiers' and sailors' pension, increase, Acts March 3, 1927, June 2, 1930 and June 9, 1930	59
Soldier's pension under the General Law	1
Widows' pension, Acts May 1, 1920, May 1, 1926 and July 3, 1926	18
Widows' pension, increase, Act June 9, 1930	3
Accrued pension claims	4
Reimbursement claims	11
Applications for new pension certificates	2
Applications for unpaid checks	4
Application for certificate of discharge in lieu of one lost	1

During this period, this office has assisted several applicants in preparing their claims for Special Act Pension.

The total number of claims filed with the Bureau of Pensions at Washington by the State Pension Agent to June 30, 1931 was 14,349.

Over five hundred affidavits and papers were executed during the twelve months' period ending June 30, 1931. Many of these applications and affidavits were executed at the residence of the affiants, who, by reason of illness or old age, were unable to visit this office.

Respectfully submitted

FRED A. BURT

State Pension Agent

B

Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Spanish Wars.

At the January Session of the General Assembly, held 1931, Section 7 of Chapter 116 of the General Laws was amended, and Section 23 of said chapter was repealed, thereby consolidating the funds for relief of Civil and Spanish War veterans.

As applications for relief made by the Civil War veterans and their widows are being decreased by reason of death, and those of the Spanish War are being increased by reason of age and infirmities, this consolidation was made and has proved satisfactory to all concerned.

No change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund and during this fiscal year six hundred and ninety-four orders have been issued for Civil War relief, and three hundred and sixty-nine for Spanish War relief. Total disbursements, $8,498.00.

Respectfully submitted
FRED A. BURT
Agent, Soldiers' Relief

C

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith my tenth report as Commandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceding:

June 30, 1930, present	51
June 30, 1930, absent	57
Total	108

Actual gain twelve months ending June 30, 1931	37
Total	145
Actual loss twelve months ending June 30, 1931	34
Total	111

ACTUAL GAIN		ACTUAL LOSS	
By admission	33	By discharge	21
By re-admission	4	By death	13
Total	37	Total	34

Total number admitted since the Home opened.....1195

Of the number present 33 are reported sick in the Hospital and 5 on extra duty as follows:

Ward Sergeant	1	Cleaners	4

Civilian Employees

Commandant		Adjutant		Surgeon	
Engineer	1	Dishwasher	1	Cleaners Hosp.	2
Firemen	2	Waiter	1	Barber	1
Driver	1	Housekeeper	1	Boss Farmer	1
Chief Cook	1	Chief Nurse	1	Farmer	1
Asst. Cooks	2	Asst. Nurses	5	Laborer	1
		Herdsman	1		
		Asst. Herdsman	1		

Age of Members

Average age of those admitted during the year, Civil War	85
Average age of those admitted during the year, Spanish War	59
Average age of those admitted during the year, World War	39

Oldest Member of the Home, Civil War, is 92; Youngest is 84.
Oldest Member of the Home, Span. War, is 77; Youngest 53
Oldest Member of the Home, World War, is 52; Youngest is 31

Averages During the Year

PRESENT		PRESENT AND ABSENT	
Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1930	49	Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1930	104
Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1930	48	Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1930	104
Quarter ending Mar. 31, 1931	42	Quarter ending Mar. 31, 1931	111
Quarter ending June 30, 1931	47	Quarter ending June 30, 1931	111
Averages	46	Averages	107

Number of deaths since the Home opened last report	660
Number of deaths of members on furlough reported	3
Number of deaths at the Home	10
Total number of deaths since Home opened	673

I wish to thank the officers and members of all the different organizations and the countless friends for their many acts of kindness and earnest co-operation.

To the Board of Soldiers' Relief, especially the Members of the Executive Committee, Honorable Ezra Dixon, Chairman, I express my deep appreciation for their loyal support.

Respectfully submitted

SUSAN M. SHEPLE

Commandant

D

Bristol, Rhode Island
July 1, 1931

State Board of Soldiers' Relief
State House, Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home, for the twelve months ending June 30, 1931.

Number of men in the Hospital July 1, 1930	31
Number of men from Hospital on leave July 1, 1930	3
Number of men in Wards on July 1, 1930	16
Number of men on leave from Wards July 1, 1930	0
Number of men admitted to the Hospital	37
Number of men admitted to Hospital from Wards	7
Total number of men admitted to Hospital	44
Number of deaths this year, Civil War	6
Number of deaths this year, Spanish American War	4
Total number of deaths, members of Home	10
Total number discharged from Hospital	31
Total number of men in Hospital June 30, 1931	31
Total number of men in Wards June 30, 1931	16
Total number of men on leave and furlough	64

I am grateful to the members of your honorable Board and to the Commandant for their co-operation and obliged to my assistants for their services.

Very respectfully submitted

ALFRED M. MERRIMAN

Surgeon

DEATHS

Civil War

1. Stanton, Charles E. 11th Mass. Art. Admitted Feb. 11, 1930. Died July 21, 1930. Cause Cerebral Hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in Oakland Cemetery, Cranston, R. I.

2. Owens, Michael F. Co. E, 4th R. I. Infty. Admitted Jan. 12, 1916. Died Sept. 26, 1930. Cause Bronchial Pneumonia and Arterio Sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in St. Charles Cemetery, Blackstone, Mass.

3. Hopkins, J. Ray. Co. L, 10th R. I. Vol. Infty. Admitted Dec. 6, 1922. Died Oct. 2, 1930. Cause Arterio Sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in Hopkins Hollow Cemetery, Greene, R. I.

4. Cahill, Thomas F. Battery B, 5th R. I. Hvy Art. Admitted July 17, 1922. Died Dec. 29, 1930. Cause Arterio Sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

5. Gardner, Henry. 1st Regt. R. I. Cav. Admitted Feb. 13, 1931. Died Feb. 19, 1931. Cause Arterio Sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in Pawtucket, R. I.

6. Boutwell, George S. 9th Co. 2nd Regt. R. I. Infty. Admitted April 27, 1931. Died May 17, 1931. Cause Gall Stones. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in Locust Grove Cemetery, Providence, R. I.

Spanish American War

1. McKay, James W. Co. A 1st R. I. Vol. Infty. Admitted Sept. 13, 1928. Died Oct. 24, 1930. Cause Cancer. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in Lakeside Cemetery, Rumford, R. I.

2. Cunningham, Thomas J. Co. C, 1st R. I. Vol. Infty. Admitted August 16, 1927. Died Dec. 5, 1930. Cause Pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Pawtucket, R. I.

3. Reddy, William. Co. E, 12th R. I. Vol. Infty. Admitted Oct. 10, 1929. Died Dec. 8, 1930. Cause Alcoholic Poisoning. Burial in National Home Cemetery, Bath, N. Y.

4. Reily, Charles F. 46th Regt. U. S. Infty. Admitted June 13, 1930. Died March 13, 1931. Cause Alcoholism. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bristol, R. I. Soldiers' Plot.

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CIVIL WAR

Name	Co. and Regiment	Age	Admitted from	When admitted	Status
Boutwell, George S.	9 2nd R. I. Inf.	86	Barrington	April 27, 1931	Died May 17, 1931
Brayton, Frederick C.	B. 1st R. I. L. A.	80	Providence	Dec. 21, 1926	Furlough
Brown, Marcus M.	D. C. L. & R. I. Vol.	50	Woonsocket	Aug. 5, 1891	Hon. Dis. [Sept. 2, 1930
Cahill, Thomas	B. 5th R. I. H. A.	77	Providence	April 21, 1925	Died Dec. 29, 1930
Clough, Samuel H.	G. 15th U. S. Inf.	71	Providence	July 26, 1920	Furlough
Clough, William	K. 12th R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Sept. 8, 1891	Hon. Dis. [Aug. 4, 1930
Collins, William L.	B. 5th R. I. H. A.	89	Rockdale, Mass.	Dec. 8, 1927	Present
Daley, John P.	B. 11th R. I. Inf.	72	Providence	Mar. 18, 1918	Hon. Dis. [May 27, 1931
Gardner, Henry	1st Reg. R. I. Cav.	83	Pawtucket	Feb. 13, 1931	Died Feb. 19, 1931
Gardiner, Charles H.	C. 14th R. I. H. A.	83	Providence	Feb. 13, 1926	Hon. Dis. [July 23, 1930
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D. 1st R. I. L. A.	76	Providence	Oct. 16, 1917	Present
Hopkins, J. Ray	L. 10 R. I. Vol. Inf.	77	Richmond	Dec. 6, 1922	Died Oct. 2, 1930
McSoley, James	A. 3rd R. I. H. A.	55	Providence	Aug. 1, 1905	Furlough
Melville, Peter D.	A. 5th R. I. H. A.	75	Newport	Feb. 21, 1920	Hon. Dis. [July 8, 1930
Owens, Michael	E. 4th R. I. Inf.	74	Woonsocket	Jan. 12, 1916	Died Sept. 26, 1930
Potter, Philip	B. 4th R. I. H. A.	70	Providence	April 13, 1913	Furlough
Randall, John M.	E. 2nd U. S. Inf.	71	Riverpoint	Jan. 1, 1918	Furlough
Redding, Edwin H.	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Nov. 28, 1911	Present
Riley, Peter	E. 2nd R. I. Inf.	71	Providence	Jan. 25, 1917	Furlough
Simmons, S. Bartlet	F. 1st R. I. D. M.	85	Elizabeth, N. J.	Aug. 5, 1921	Furlough
Smith, Alexander G.	G. 17 Mass. Inf.	82	Providence	July 15, 1918	Furlough
Stanton, Charles E.	11th Mass. Art.	82	Providence	Feb. 11, 1930	Died July 21, 1930
Sullivan, Michael	C. 4th R. I. Inf.	83	Maine	June 19, 1924	Present
Young, William E.	G. 2nd R. I. Inf.	62	Providence	Aug. 14, 1908	Present

SPANISH WAR

Name	Co. and Regiment	Age	Admitted from	When admitted	Status
Arnold, Ira W.	L. 1st R. I. Infty	67	Woonsocket	Oct. 23, 1923	Present
Arnzen, Niles J.	C. 1st R. I. Vol.	56	Providence	Feb. 6, 1926	Present
Ashworth, Edward H.	K. 1st R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Dec. 14, 1923	Furlough
Beauregard, Eugene	L. 1st R. I. Vol.	48	Woonsocket	Oct. 13, 1925	Present
Benjamin, Frank A.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	49	Woonsocket	April 20, 1928	Present
Bradley, John	Batty E 2d U. S. Art. F. U. S. Inf.	59	Pawtucket	Sept. 15, 1928	Furlough
Brohen, Edward	I. 3rd U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Sept. 21, 1928	Furlough
Bruillard, Agenor	M. 46th Reg. Inf.	52	West Warwick	Dec. 30, 1930	Present
Burke, John M.	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	46	Lonsdale	June 14, 1926	Present
Buxton, Lewis E.	D. 2nd U. S. Art.	47	Cranston	Oct. 27, 1927	Present
Carpenter, George E.	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	64	Rumford	Dec. 17, 1924	Furlough
Casey, Felix F.	B. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	60	Melville	June 7, 1929	Furlough
Casey, William S.	E. 3d Conn. Inf.	49	Woonsocket	June 4, 1926	Present
Christie, Hugh C.	H. 1st R. I. Vol.	69	Maine	Mar. 13, 1925	Furlough
Conley, Peter	C. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	54	Providence	Sept. 7, 1927	Present
Creed, James J.	A. 11th U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	July 13, 1927	Furlough
Cuff, John F.	D. 49th U. S. Inf.	55	Providence	Sept. 12, 1924	Present
Cull, Thomas	B. 10th Ohio Inf.	51	Providence	Oct. 17, 1924	Furlough
Cunningham, Thomas J.	C. 1st R. I. Inf.	52	Pawtucket	Aug. 16, 1927	Died Dec. 5, 1930
Devlin, John M.	F. 1st R. I. Inf.	58	Providence	June 14, 1925	Present
Feeley, James F.	M. 1st R. I. Inf.	60	Woonsocket	Feb. 27, 1931	Present
Fly, Edward	D. 1st R. I. Inf.	60	Providence	April 18, 1931	Present
Galligan, John W.	C. 1st R. I. Inf.	61	Providence	April 12, 1928	Hon. Dis. [June 11, 1931
Gavigan, James F.	E. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	56	Providence	Dec. 15, 1929	Present
Graham, Walter H.	L. 26th U. S. Inf.	57	Providence	Jan. 13, 1926	Furlough
Graham, Daniel J.	Batt. A, 1st L. A.	65	Woonsocket	Aug. 21, 1930	Furlough
Hackett, George	Trp. E. 7th U. S. Cav.	58	Lincoln	Re-admitted Feb. 12, 1931	Present

SPANISH WAR - Continued

Harrington, Thomas E.	E. 46th U. S. Inf.	56	Central Falls	April 11, 1930	Present
Hunt, George R.	U. S. Navy	48	Providence	Mar. 15, 1926	Hon. Dis. [Dec. 18, 1930
Keating, Daniel J.	L. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	51	Providence	Dec. 9, 1927	Furlough
Keegan, Edward	H. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	49	Providence	Nov. 16, 1926	Present
Keegan, John J.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	57	Providence	Feb. 27, 1930	Present
Kenney, William H.	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	55	Providence	Dec. 12, 1930	Present
Kelly, John	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	60	Providence	Re-Admitted June 11, 1931	Present
LaFond, Gaspard	H. 15th U. S. Inf.	50	Pawtucket	Jan. 20, 1926	Present
Lee, William B.	M. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	64	Providence	Nov. 16, 1929	Present
Maguire, Elisha M.	E. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	49	Providence	April 27, 1928	Present
Manderville, Harvey	Troop M. U. S. Cav.	50	Central Falls	Dec. 10, 1929	Furlough
Martellucci, Gusippi	72nd U. S. C. A.	51	Providence	Oct. 24, 1929	Furlough
McKay, James W.	A. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	70	East Providence	Sept. 13, 1928	Died Oct. 24, 1930
McMahon, John F.	L. 1st R. I. Inf.	74	Howard	Sept. 27, 1929	Present
Mullen, Patrick J.	D. 1st R. I. Inf.	62	Valley Falls	May 12, 1931	Present
Murr, Alvin B.	Hosp. Corps U. S. A.	55	Oxford, Mass.	May 22, 1926	Furlough
Monohan, William F.	F. 23rd Reg. U. S. Inf.	56	Providence	Feb. 17, 1931	Present
McCormick, Michael	M. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	62	Providence	Sept. 6, 1930	Hon. Dis. [Dec. 6, 1930
O'Connor, John, Jr.	D. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	55	Providence	Mar. 12, 1930	Present
Quiniat, Sebastian	I. 1st R. I. Inf.	68	Providence	Mar. 25, 1926	Present
Reddy, William	Btty E. 12 U. S. Art.	57	Providence	Oct. 10, 1929	Died Dec. 18, 1930
Reilly, Charles F.	46th U. S. Reg. Inf.	58	Providence	June 13, 1930	Died Mar. 13, 1931
Richardson, John F.	D. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	52	Woonsocket	July 10, 1930	Hon. Dis. [Sept. 23, 1930
Scully, James J.	D. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	65	Providence	Jan. 17, 1930	Dis. Mar. 23, 1931
Stanley, Byron B.	13th Btty F. A.	50	Providence	Mar. 23, 1928	Furlough

SPANISH WAR - Concluded

Spring, George F.	B. 46th R. I. U. S. Inf.	51	Woonsocket	Feb. 11, 1930	Present
Sullivan, John	K. 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	57	Providence	Oct. 21, 1928	Furlough
Todd, Robert F.	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	50	Providence	Mar. 13, 1930	Present
Verity, William H.	L. 27th Reg. U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Dec. 12, 1930	Hon. Dis. [Feb. 2, 1931
Wheeler, Peter	A. 20th U. S. Inf.	52	Providence	Oct. 9, 1929	Present
Williams, John P.	E. 1st R. I. Inf.	52	New Hampshire	Sept. 9, 1929	Furlough
Woobank, James W.	U. S. Navy	47	Providence	Oct. 20, 1926	Furlough
Young, William	H. 1st R. I. Inf.	57	Providence	July 8, 1925	Furlough

WORLD WAR

Name	Co. and Regiment	Age	Admitted from	When admitted	Status
Ahearn, John E.	151st Depot Brig.	36	Providence	Mar. 31, 1926	Dropped from [rolls
Blomstrom, Ernest	Hdqtrs Co. 28th U. S. Inf.	39	Hoxsie	April 13, 1927	Present
Bourassa, Alfred J.	306 Clthg Unit Q. M. C.	42	Providence	Nov. 24, 1930	Present
Boyden, Charles S.	B. 325th Inf.	35	Providence	Jan. 30, 1930	Furlough
Bouley, Alfred	135th Reg. Inf.	42	Providence	Jan. 21, 1931	Present
Burke, Frederick B.	Ord. Dept. U. S. A.	33	Providence	July 26, 1929	Hon. Dis. [July 8, 1930
Chase, Earl S.	G. 29th Reg. Eng.	35	Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Furlough
Chaput, Henry	11th 52nd D. B. E. 110th Inf.	35	Woonsocket	June 17, 1929	Present
Connors, Frank H.	102nd F. A.	58	Providence	April 9, 1930	Dis. Dischg. [Dec. 27, 1930
Crawley, John E.	A. 301st Inf.	34	Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Furlough
Demski, Albert	D. 11th M. G. Bn. 4th Div.	31	Warren	April 22, 1927	Present
Dorney, John H.	301 Inf.	40	Providence	Mar. 17, 1931	Present
Drysdale, Edward F.	18th Co. 66th Inf.	32	Warren	Mar. 16, 1929	Dis. Dischg. [April 14, 1931

WORLD WAR - Continued

Deonan, Charles J.	U. S. Navy	36	Providence	Dec. 12, 1930	Hon. Dis. [Mar. 12, 1931
Dollery, John J.	U. S. Navy	49	Providence	Jan. 14, 1931	Present
Eldridge, Ralph W.	24th Spruce Sqdn.	33	Maine	Aug. 8, 1924	Furlough
Fitzsimmons, Thomas	99th Div. Inf.	43	Providence	Aug. 18, 1930	Dis. Dischg. [Dec. 27, 1930
Gallagher, Edward H.	1102 Aero Repl. Sqdn.	43	Natick	July 16, 1928	Present
Gleason, Edward	78th C. A. C.	52	Berkley	Nov. 14, 1929	Furlough
Grady, Thomas F.	L. 20th Inf.	44	Providence	April 20, 1931	Present
Hale, James C.	A. 4th Amm. Tr.	40	Newport	Jan. 12, 1929	Present
Holland, John C.	L. 314th Inf.	41	Providence	July 10, 1929	Present
Jalongo, Anthony	K. Troop 3rd Cav.	39	Cranston	Aug. 15, 1930	Present
Knight, Arthur J.	7th Reg. Cav.	41	Greenwich	June 10, 1931	Present
Keeley, Daniel J.	51st Reg. F. A.	30	Hills Grove	Feb. 13, 1931	Present
Levesque, Alfred	64 153rd Dep. Brig.	37	Providence	Dec. 10, 1930	Present
LaFeriere, Romeo E.	I. 101st Reg. 26 Div.	29	Arctic	Jan. 11, 1928	Present
Lawson, Walter H.	103rd F. A.	32	Providence	Jan. 21, 1931	Present
Levine, Harry	101st Supply Tr.	31	Providence	Dec. 31, 1927	Furlough
LeBlanc, Edmond	C. 76th F. A. 3 Div.	52	Woonsocket	Feb. 24, 1931	Present
LeDoux, Joseph	Hdqtrs Co. 71 Inf.	40	Pawtucket	Jan. 28, 1931	Dis. Dischg. [Mar. 12, 1931
Lyons, Barney	6th C. A. C.	54	Providence	Mar. 19, 1930	Present
McElroy, Henry	3rd 2nd Reg. C. A. C.	33	East Providence	Jan. 25, 1931	Present
McCusker, Edmund A.	U. S. Navy	36	Providence	Dec. 12, 1930	Dis. Dischg. [Mar. 21, 1931
McLaughlin, Augustus	55th Reg. Art.	35	Providence	Dec. 31, 1930	Present
McGuigan, Hugh J.	103 Inf. 26th Div.	44	Providence	Dec. 18, 1930	Dis. Dischg. [May 14, 1931
Mulvihill, Patrick	C. 3rd Mach. Gun Bat.	47	Providence	Jan. 13, 1931	Present

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Mitchell, William	F. 9th Bat. FARD	45	Pawtucket	May 1, 1931	Present
Nadeau, Albert	154th U. S. Dep. Brigade	36	Woonsocket	Aug. 28, 1929	Present
O'Rourke, Thomas	54th Dep. Brig.	42	Providence	Dec. 27, 1928	Dis. Dischg. [June 11, 1931
Papillon, Marcel	320 Supply Co.	44	Woonsocket	April 18, 1931	Present
Paquette, Leonide	139th Reg. Lab. Co. Unassigned	40	Central Falls	Feb. 25, 1930	Present
Pearson, Adolph H.	304 Remount Dep.	41	Providence	Dec. 22, 1927	Present
Proulx, Zoel	Trp. C. 2nd Cav.	33	Warwick	Dec. 9, 1920	Present
Ratigan, John J.	P. Div. Bn. 4.	36	Providence	Feb. 16, 1928	Present
Rinaldi, August	301 Amm. Train	45	Providence	Jan. 8, 1931	Present
Riley, Joseph	Ship Repr. Shop Unit 301 Q. M. C.	38	Providence	Dec. 12, 1928	Furlough
Ross, William P.	B Battery 32dF. A.	42	Providence	April 14, 1930	Present
St. Germain, William P.	151st Dep. Brig.	44	Woonsocket	Aug. 8, 1929	Present
Vanasse, Joseph D. A.	E. 1st Army Hd. Qtrs Reg.	36	Woonsocket	May 20, 1929	Present

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1931

Soldiers' Home	$ 57,821.28
Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Spanish Wars	8,498.00
Administratrive	7,064.07
Metallic Markers	490.00
Decorating Graves, Armistice and Memorial Days	1,540.00
Printing Journal of 62nd Encampment of G. A. R	100.00
Care of Graves of Honorably Discharged Soldiers	2,422.00

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REPORT

Providence, R. I.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island:

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief presents its forty-fourth annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932.

Organization

Governor Norman S. Case, Chairman.

General Treasurer George C. Clark, Treasurer.

Brig. Gen. Herbert R. Dean, The Adjutant General.

Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1935.

*Samuel A. Whelden, Tenth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1934.

**Charles H. Bullock, Twenty-second Mass. Infantry, term expires 1934.

Charles H. Bowden, First R. I. Light Artillery, term expires 1933.

Robert M. Pollard, Third R. I. Cavalry, term expires 1935.

Thomas A. Buell, Ninth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1933.

George B. Smith, First R. I. Detached Militia, term expires 1934.

Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. Volunteer Infantry, term expires 1933.

Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army, Retired, term expires 1934.

Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A., term expires 1935.

Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy and Second R. I. Volunteers, Secretary.

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*Died March 8, 1932.

**Appointed April 13, 1932 for the unexpired term of Samuel A. Whelden.

General

Twelve regular meetings of the Board have been held on the second Tuesday of each month during the fiscal year covered by this report. One special meeting was held on January 26, 1932.

On January 15th, Mrs. Susan M. Sheple, Commandant of the Soldiers' Home since May 11, 1922, requested that she be relieved of her duties and tendered her resignation to take effect February 1st. At a special meeting of the Board held January 26th, Mrs. Sheple's resignation was accepted, and Colonel Samuel A. Hall, a veteran of both the Spanish-American and World Wars, was appointed Commandant.

It is with regret that we record the death on March 8th of Samuel A. Whelden, who was appointed a member of this Board on December 13, 1923, and served as a member of the Executive Committee from February, 1925, to the date of his death. The vacancy on the Board was filled by the appointment by His Excellency, The Governor, of Charles H. Bullock, Company C, 22d Massachusetts Infantry, and Brig. General Luke H. Callan was elected as a member of the Executive Committee.

Two hundred and twenty gross of 12 x 18 inch United States flags were purchased and issued to the veteran organizations of the State for the purpose of decorating the graves of war veterans on Memorial and Armistice Days, and three hundred and ninety-two metallic grave markers were issued.

The Committee on Neglected and Abandoned Graves has erected on the graves of veterans of all wars during the past year fifty-six headstones, which have been furnished by the United States government, making a total of two hundred and ninety-five headstones which have been obtained and erected since this committee was appointed on June 8, 1926.

Soldiers' Home

The officers of the Home are as follows:

Col. Samuel A. Hall - - -	Commandant
Emil M. Klein - - - - -	Adjutant
Alfred M. Merriman, M. D. - - -	Surgeon

In order to meet the requirements of the Home, a new sewage disposal plant has been installed during the period covered by this report, and repairs and replacements of a general character have been made, and a small amount of new equipment purchased.

The regular quarterly and monthly reports as required by the Veterans Administration, Bureau of National Homes, have been forwarded, and this office has received through the office of the General Treasurer the sum of $6,021.70 under the Act of Congress providing aid to State and Territorial Homes.

During the year, the members of the Home have been visited and entertained by several veteran organizations and their auxiliaries. These visits are most gratifying to the members of the Home, and the members of this Board at this time desire to express their appreciation to those who have so generously given their support to these visitations.

Vital statistics of the Home are given in enclosures C. D, and E.

Section 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Laws, Entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home"

Sec. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

Financial Statement of Fund

Balance, June 30, 1931	$19,743.62
Received during fiscal year	.25
Soldiers' Home Burial Lot Fund	1,040.40
Interest received	832.09
Discount on bonds purchased	38.70
	$21,655.06

Expenditures, June 30, 1931 to June 30, 1932	1,620.36
Balance, June 30, 1932	$20,034.70

The following enclosures accompany this report:

A. Report of Secretary, as State Pension Agent.
B. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Foreign Wars.
C. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.
D. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.
E. Roll of members of the Soldiers' Home.
F. Summary of Expenditures.

Respectfully submitted

NORMAN S. CASE
Governor and Chairman
GEORGE C. CLARK
General Treasurer
HERBERT R. DEAN
The Adjutant General
EZRA DIXON
CHARLES H. BOWDEN
ROBERT M. POLLARD
GEORGE B. SMITH
THOMAS A. BUELL
CHARLES H. BULLOCK
SYDNEY D. HARVEY
WILLIS C. METCALF
LUKE H. CALLAN
State Board of Soldiers' Relief

FRED A. BURT, Secretary

Enclosures

A

Report of State Pension Agent

Providence, R. I.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932.

Number of claims filed by this office during this period	97

Classified as follows:

Soldiers' and sailors' pension, Act June 2, 1930	5
Soldiers' and sailors' pension, increase, Acts June 2, 1930 and June 9, 1930	41
Widows' pension, Acts May 1, 1920 and May 1, 1926	17
Remarried widows' pension, Acts May 1, 1926 and June 9, 1930	3
Claim of wife for one-half of her husband's pension, Act of March 3, 1899	1
Claim for pension as guardian of minor child, Act of May 1, 1920	1
Reimbursement claims	23
Accrued compensation claim	1
Application for lost pension check	1
Application for pension certificate in lieu of one lost	1
Applications for unpaid pension checks	3

The total number of claims filed with the Bureau of Pensions at Washington by the State Pension Agent to June 30, 1932 was 14,446.

Over three hundred affidavits and papers were executed during the twelve months' period ending June 30, 1932, many of them at the residence of the affiants, who by reason of illness or old age were unable to appear at this office.

Respectfully submitted

FRED A. BURT

State Pension Agent

B

Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief

Providence, R. I.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Spanish Wars.

No change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund, but due to economic conditions there have been more calls for aid.

During the fiscal year, six hundred and eight orders have been issued for Civil War relief, and five hundred and thirty-four for Spanish War relief; total disbursements, $9,298.00.

Respectfully submitted

FRED A. BURT

Agent, Soldiers' Relief

C

Bristol, Rhode Island

State Board of Soldiers' Relief

State House, Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit my first annual report as Commandant of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.

I assumed command of the Home as of February 1, 1932, and after a preliminary survey of the conditions existing here, made certain recommendations which I felt needed prompt attention, some of which have been given attention, and it is sincerely hoped that the balance will receive attention at the forthcoming assembly of the legislature.

In addition to the items called specifically to your attention for immediate consideration are the conditions of several of the buildings on the premises, which are in poor state of

repair, and should be given attention to protect the investment the State has made.

It is felt that the membership of the Home is now on the increase and will continue on an upward trend for some time to come. The average attendance for the year ending June 30, 1932 is a twenty per cent. (20%) increase over the average attendance for 1931. If this figure increases, it will probably be necessary to open the additional ward to care for this increased membership.

During the year, it has been my pleasure to receive committees from the Women's Relief Corps, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Veterans of the Spanish and World Wars and their auxiliaries, who have given generously of their time and means to provide entertainment and gifts for the members of the Home. Their labors in this direction have been much appreciated.

I am enclosing herewith certain statistical reports in connection with the Home, and, in closing, I desire to express my appreciation to the members of the Board and their office assistants for the uniform courtesy and loyal support in my undertakings.

Respectfully
SAMUEL A. HALL
Colonel, Commandant

Statistical Report

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home as compared with the preceding year:

June 30, 1931—Present	47
June 30, 1932—Present	64
Total	111
Actual gain twelve months ending June 30, 1932	52
Total	163
Actual losses twelve months ending June 30, 1932	48
Total as of June 30, 1932	115

ACTUAL GAIN		ACTUAL LOSS	
By admission	40	By discharge	29
By re-admission	12	By death	7
		Dropped	12
Total	52	Total	48

Total members as of June 30, 1931	111
Total members as of June 30, 1932	115
Total members, gain as of June 30, 1932	4
Total number admitted since Home opened	1247

Of the number present, 42 are in the Hospital sick, or receiving necessary medical treatment, and 4 on extra duty as follows:

Ward Sergeant	1	Cleaners	3

Civilian Employees

Commandant	1	Adjutant	1	Surgeon	1
Engineer	1	Dishwashers	1	Herdsman	1
Firemen	3	Waiters	3*	Asst. Herds.	1
Driver	1	Housekeepers	2	Cleaners-Hosp.	4*
Chief Cook	1	Chief Nurse	1	Barber	1
Asst. Cook	1	Asst. Nurses	4	Boss Farmer	1
Asst. Farmer	1	Laborers	5	Watchman	1

*One waiter and one cleaner (Hospital) temporary, vacation period only.

Average age of those admitted during year—Civil War	86
Average age of those admitted during year—Indian War	66
Average age of those admitted during year—Spanish War	59
Average age of those admitted during year—World War	40

Oldest member of Home—Civil War	85	Youngest	84
Oldest member of Home—Spanish War	78	Youngest	49
Oldest member of Home—World War	55	Youngest	32

Average Attendance During Year

		Present	Present and Absent
Quarter ending Sept.	1931	48	115
Quarter ending Dec.	1931	54	121
Quarter ending March	1932	60	123
Quarter ending June	1932	60	122
Average for year		55.5	120

Number of deaths since Home opened—last report	673
Number of deaths reported members on furlough	3
Number of deaths at the Home	4
Total	680

Deaths

CIVIL WAR

1. COLLINS, WILLIAM L. — Co. B, 5th R. I. Heavy Art. Admitted Dec. 8, 1927. Died April 6, 1932. Cause, Arterio Sclerosis; Burial in Soldiers' Home Plot, North Cemetery, Bristol, Rhode Island.

2. MCSOLEY, JAMES — Batery A, 3d R. I. Heavy Art. Admitted August 1, 1905. Died while on furlough, March 9, 1932. Burial in St. Ann's Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island.

3. SULLIVAN, MICHAEL — Co. D, 7th R. I. Inf. Admitted June 19, 1924. Died while on furlough, October 19, 1931. Burial in St. Francis Cemetery, Providence, R. I.

INDIAN WAR

1. COAN, EDWARD P. — Co. H, 12th U. S. Inf. Admitted April 13, 1932. Died at the Home June 28, 1932. Cause, Cancer of jaw. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in St. Ann's Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island.

SPANISH WAR

1. ARNOLD, IRA W. — Co. L, 1st R. I. Inf. Admitted October 22, 1923. Died at the Home, December 8, 1931. Cause, Arterio Sclerosis. Burial in Soldiers' Home Plot, North Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

2. FLY, EDWARD — Co. D, 1st R. I. Inf. Admitted Feb-26, 1926. Discharged February 17, 1929 at own request. Re-admitted April 18, 1931. Died at the Home, October 13, 1931. Cause, Arterio Sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives. Burial in Precious Blood Cemetery, Woonsocket, R. I.

3. QUINIAT, SEBASTIAN — Co. I, 1st R. I. Inf. Admitted March 25, 1926. Discharged July 1, 1931 at own request. Re-admitted September 7, 1931. Died May 12, 1932 at National Veterans' Home, Johnson City, Tenn. Burial in National Home Cemetery, Johnson City, Tenn.

D

Bristol, Rhode Island

State Board of Soldiers' Relief
State House, Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home for the twelve months ending June 30, 1932.

Number of men in hospital July 1, 1931	31
Number of men from hospital on leave July 1, 1931	2
Number of men in wards on July 1, 1931	16
Number of men on leave from wards July 1, 1931	0
Number of men admitted to the hospital	52
Number of men admitted to hospital from wards	25
Total number of men admitted to the hospital	77
Number of deaths this year, Civil War	3
Number of deaths this year, Indian War	1
Number of deaths this year, Spanish-American War	3
Total number of deaths, members of the Home	7
Total number of men discharged from the hospital	35
Total number of men in hospital June 30, 1932	42
Total number of men in wards June 30, 1932	22
Total number on leave from hospital and wards	51

I am grateful to the members of your honorable Board and to the Commandant for their co-operation and obliged to my assistants for their services.

Very respectfully submitted
ALFRED M. MERRIMAN
Surgeon

E

CIVIL WAR

Name	Co. and Regiment	Age at admission	Admitted from	Date admitted	Status
Foley, Patrick	6th Bat. Mass. Lt. Art.	86	Providence	Oct. 15, 1931	Present
Redding, Edwin A.	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Nov. 28, 1911	Present
Young, William E.	G—2nd R. I. Inf.	62	Providence	Aug. 14, 1908	Present

SPANISH WAR

Arnzen, Niles J.	C—1st R. I. Inf.	56	Providence	Feb. 6, 1926	Present
Ashworth, Edward H.	K—1st R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Dec. 14, 1923	Absent
Beauregard, Eugene	L—1st R. I. Inf.	48	Woonsocket	Oct. 14, 1925	Present
Benjamin, Frank A.	D—1st R. I. Inf.	49	Woonsocket	Apr. 20, 1928	Present
Bradley, John	E—2nd U. S. Art.	59	Pawtucket	Sept. 15, 1928	Absent
Bodreau, Simeon	U. S. Navy	53	Providence	Nov. 10, 1931	Absent
Brohen, Edward	I—3rd U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Sept. 21, 1928	Absent
Bisson, George D.	A—R. I. Lt. Art.	65	Providence	Dec. 5, 1931	Present
Brouillard, Agenor J.	M—46th U. S. Inf.	52	West Warwick	Dec. 30, 1930	Present
Buxton, Lewis E.	D—2nd U. S. Art.	47	Cranston	Oct. 27, 1927	Present
Campbell, Patrick	E—1st R. I. Inf.	56	Providence	June 15, 1932	Present
Capelle, Robert	U. S. Navy	49	Cranston	Jan. 19, 1932	Present
Carpenter, George E.	B—1st R. I. Inf.	64	Rumford	Dec. 17, 1924	Absent
Casey, Felix F.	B—1st R. I. Inf.	60	Melville	June 7, 1929	Absent
Christie, Hugh C.	H—1st R. I. Inf.	69	Maine	March 13, 1925	Absent
Creed, James J.	A—11th U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	July 13, 1927	Absent
Cuff, John F.	D—49th U. S. Inf.	55	Providence	Sept. 12, 1924	Present
Deveno, Henry	D—46th U. S. Inf.	62	West Warwick	Jan. 28, 1932	Present
Devlin, John M.	F—1st R. I. Inf.	58	Providence	June 14, 1925	Absent
Gavigan, James F.	E—1st R. I. Inf.	56	Providence	Dec. 15, 1929	Absent
Graham, Walter H.	L—26th U. S. Inf.	57	Providence	Jan. 13, 1926	Absent

SPANISH WAR - Continued

Graham, Daniel J.	A—R. I. Lt. Art.	65	Woonsocket	Aug. 21, 1930	Absent
Greene, John H.	F—21st U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Mar. 12, 1932	Present
Hackett, George	E—46th U. S. Inf.	59	Lincoln	Feb. 15, 1932	Present
Harrington, Thomas E.	E—7th U. S. Cav.	56	Central Falls	Apr. 11, 1930	Absent
Keegan, Edward F.	H—1st R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Nov. 16, 1926	Present
Keegan, John J.	D—1st R. I. Inf.	57	Providence	Feb. 27, 1930	Present
Kenney, William H.	H—1st R. I. Inf.	55	Providence	Dec. 12, 1930	Absent
Kelly, John	H—1st R. I. Inf.	65	Providence	June 11, 1931	Present
Lafond, Gaspard	H—15th U. S. Inf.	50	Pawtucket	Jan. 20, 1926	Absent
Lee, William B.	M—1st R. I. Inf.	64	Providence	Nov. 16, 1929	Present
Maguire, Elisha M.	E—1st R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Apr. 27, 1928	Present
Mandeville, Harvey	M—8th U. S. Cav.	50	Central Falls	Dec. 10, 1929	Absent
Martellucci, Gusippi	72nd C. A. C.	51	Providence	Oct. 24, 1929	Absent
Marsh, Edward E.	A—R. I. Lt. Art.	56	Providence	Nov. 19, 1931	Present
McMahon, John F.	L—1st R. I. Inf.	74	Howard	Sept. 27, 1929	Present
McElinn, Daniel W.	L—1st R. I. Inf.	62	Blackstone	Oct. 13, 1931	Present
McKenna, William	D—1st R. I. Inf.	60	Woonsocket	April 7, 1932	Present
Mullen, Patrick J.	D—1st R. I. Inf.	62	Valley Falls	May 12, 1931	Present
Monohan, William F.	U. S. Inf. Unassigned	56	Providence	Feb. 17, 1931	Absent
McTernan, James J.	K—12th N. Y. Inf.	62	Providence	Aug. 5, 1931	Present
O'Connor, John, Jr.	D—1st R. I. Inf.	55	Providence	March 12, 1930	Present
Riley, Bernard	B—22nd U. S. Inf.	54	Hope	Feb. 20, 1928	Present
Riley, John W.	U. S. Navy	56	Providence	May 16, 1932	Absent
Rogers, Ephriam	M—46th U. S. Inf.	59	Arctic	Nov. 18, 1931	Absent
Spring, George F.	B—46th U. S. Inf.	51	Woonsocket	Feb. 11, 1930	Present
Sullivan, John	K—1st R. I. Inf.	57	Providence	Oct. 21, 1928	Absent
Townsend, George W.	L—1st R. I. Inf.	52	Providence	Sept. 8, 1931	Absent

SPANISH WAR - Continued

Verity, William H.	L—27th U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Dec. 12, 1930	Absent
Vincent, Arthur	L—1st R. I. Inf.	55	Woonosocket	Jan. 11, 1932	Present
Williams, John P.	E—1st R. I. Inf.	52	New Hampshire	Sept. 9, 1929	Absent
Woobank, James W.	U. S. Navy	47	Providence	Oct. 20, 1926	Absent

WORLD WAR

Name	Co. and Regiment	Age at admission	Admitted from	Date admitted	Status
Anderson, John E.	152nd Depot Br.	35	Newport	July 6, 1931	Present
Blomstrom, Ernest	Hq. 28th U. S. Inf.	38	Hoxsie	Apr. 13, 1927	Present
Beaudry, Edgar	L—9th U. S. Inf.	51	Woonsocket	June 20, 1932	Present
Bourassa, Alfred J.	306th Cloth Unit, QMC	42	Providence	Nov. 24, 1930	Absent
Boyden, Charles S.	B—325th U. S. Inf.	35	Providence	Jan. 30, 1930	Absent
Bouley, Alfred	153rd Depot Br.	42	Providence	Jan. 21, 1931	Absent
Bullock, William H. H.	Ordnance Dept.	32	Providence	July 6, 1928	Absent
Burke, Frederick B.	Ordnance Dept.	35	Providence	Aug. 11, 1931	Absent
Campanelli, Frank C.	11—Evac. Amb. Air. Ser.	37	Providence	Feb. 17, 1932	Present
Chase, Earl S.	G—29th U. S. Engrs.	35	Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Absent
Chaput, Henry	152nd Depot Br.	35	Woonsocket	June 17, 1929	Present
Cote, Ulric	154th Depot Br.	36	West Warwick	Feb. 15, 1932	Present
Crawley, John E.	A—301st U. S. Inf.	34	Pawtucket	Dec. 21, 1927	Absent
Demski, Albert	D—11th M. G. Bn.	31	Warren	Apr. 22, 1927	Absent
Dorney, John H.	Hq. 310th U. S. Inf.	40	Providence	Mar. 17, 1931	Absent
Doonan, Charles J.	U. S. Navy	37	Providence	Sept. 18, 1931	Absent
Delcourt, Clifford P.	E—103rd U. S. Inf.	44	Pawtucket	Dec. 3, 1931	Absent
Dunn, David L.	340th Butchery Co. QMC	38	Providence	Feb. 27, 1932	Present
Demers, David E.	2nd Bn. C. W. S.	44	Providence	June 15, 1932	Present
Duffy, Michael J.	F—2nd Sep. Bn. Colo.	38	Providence	Aug. 13, 1931	Absent
Dollery, John J.	U. S. Navy	49	Providence	Jan. 14, 1931	Present
Eldridge, Ralph W.	24th Spruce Sqdn.	33	Maine	Aug. 8, 1924	Absent

WORLD WAR - Continued

Farrell, James E.	Hq. 103rd Field Art.	36	Oakland Beach	Dec. 18, 1931	Absent
Gleason, Edward	78th C. A. C.	52	Berkeley	Nov. 14, 1929	Absent
Gray, Arthur B.	279th Aero Sqdn.	47	Providence	Sept. 26, 1931	Present
Hollard, John C.	L—314th U. S. Inf.	41	Providence	July 10, 1929	Present
Harrison, Ernest	A—310th U. S. Inf.	40	Providence	Oct. 2, 1929	Absent
Horton, George W.	QMC	47	Pawtucket	July 20, 1931	Present
Holmes, Simon J.	Supply—56th C. A. C.	37	Woonsocket	Feb. 18, 1932	Absent
Jalongo, Anthony	K—3rd U. S. Cav.	39	Cranston	Aug. 15, 1930	Present
Knight, Arthur J.	I—7th U. S. Cav.	41	East Greenwich	June 10, 1931	Present
King, George S.	U. S. Navy	55	Providence	April 14, 1932	Absent
Levesque, Alfred	153rd Depot Br.	37	Providence	Dec. 10, 1930	Present
Laferriere, Romeo E.	I—101st U. S. Inf.	29	Arctic	Jan. 11, 1928	Absent
Lawson, Walter H.	C—103rd Field Art.	32	Providence	Jan. 21, 1931	Present
Levine, Harry	101st Supply Tr.	31	Providence	Dec. 31, 1927	Absent
LeDoux, Joseph C.	Hq. 71st U. S. Inf.	40	Pawtucket	Jan. 28, 1931	Present
LeBlanc, Edmond	C—76th Field Art.	52	Woonsocket	Feb. 24, 1931	Present
Lister, Harry	2nd Bn. Depot Br.	53	Providence	June 15, 1932	Present
Lytton, Charles F.	Supply—102nd Field Art.	31	Providence	Jan. 13, 1932	Absent
Lyons, Barney	6th C. A. C.	54	Providence	Mar. 19, 1930	Absent
McElroy, Henry	3rd—2nd C. A. C.	33	East Providence	Jan. 25, 1931	Present
McHale, Edward M.	D—53rd U. S. Inf.	38	Providence	Nov. 10, 1931	Absent
Mulvihill, Patrick	C—3rd M. G. Bn.	47	Providence	Jan. 13, 1931	Present
Mitchell, William	F—9th Bat. F. A. R. D.	45	Pawtucket	May 1, 1931	Present
Nadeau, Albert	154th Depot Br.	36	Woonsocket	Aug. 28, 1929	Present
O'Brien, Alexander	151st Depot Br.	31	Providence	July 18, 1931	Absent
Oliver, Alvaro	E—44th C. A. C.	35	Pawtucket	Oct. 17, 1931	Present
O'Rourke, Thomas	54th Depot Br.	44	Providence	June 20, 1932	Present
Papillon, Marcel	320th Supply Co.	44	Woonsocket	April 20, 1931	Present

WORLD WAR - Concluded

Paquette, Leonide	139th Labor	40	Central Falls	Feb. 25, 1930	Present
Pearson, Adolph	304th Remount Depot	41	Providence	Dec. 22, 1927	Present
Ratigan, John J.	P—Dev. Bn.	36	Providence	Feb. 16, 1928	Present
Rinaldi, August	301st Amm. Tr.	45	Providence	Jan. 8, 1931	Present
Reilly, Joseph T.	Repair Shop Unit, QMC	38	Providence	Dec. 12, 1928	Present
Ross, William P.	B—32nd Field Art.	42	Providence	Apr. 14, 1930	Present
Shea, Edward J.	U. S. Navy	38	Providence	Nov. 10, 1931	Absent
St. Germaine, Wm.	151st Depot Br.	44	Woonsocket	Aug. 8, 1929	Present
Sullivan, John J.	C—320th M. G. Bn.	37	Newport	Aug. 3, 1931	Present
Vanasse, Joseph D.	E—1st Army Hq.	36	Woonsocket	May 20, 1929	Absent

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1932

Soldiers' Home	$ 54,594.99
Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Spanish Wars	9,298.00
Administrative	6,992.12
Metallic Markers	494.25
Decorating Graves, Armistice and Memorial Days	1,514.90
Printing Journal of 63rd Encampment of G. A. R	100.00
Care of Graves of Honorably Discharged Soldiers	2,536.07

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REPORT

Providence, R. I.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island:

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief presents its forty-fifth annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933.

Organization

Governor Theodore Francis Green, Chairman

General Treasurer Antonio Prince, Treasurer

Brig. Gen. Herbert R. Dean, The Adjutant General

Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A., term expires 1935.

Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1935.

Charles H. Bowden, First R. I. Light Artillery, term expires 1936.

Robert M. Pollard, Third R. I. Cavalry, term expires 1935.

Thomas A. Buell, Ninth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1936.

George B. Smith, First R. I. Detached Militia, term expires 1934.

Charles H. Bullock, Twenty-second Mass. Infantry, term expires 1934.

Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. Volunteer Infantry, term expires 1936.

Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army, retired, term expires 1934.

Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy and Second R. I. Volunteers, Secretary.

General

Twelve regular meetings of the Board have been held on the second Tuesday of each month during the fiscal year covered by this report.

On May 9th, Honorable Ezra Dixon, who had served continuously as Chairman of the Executive Committee since 1918, declined to again serve in this capacity. This declination was accepted with regret, and in appreciation of the services which he had rendered, he was presented with an engrossed testimonial by Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan in behalf of the members of the Board.

At this time, the Executive Committee for the ensuing year was elected as follows: Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Chairman, Major Sydney D. Harvey and Charles H. Bowden.

Two hundred and thirty gross of 12 x 18 inch United States flags were purchased and issued to veteran organizations of the State for the purpose of decorating graves of war veterans on Memorial and Armistice Days. Ninety-five metallic grave markers were issued.

The Comittee on Neglected and Abandoned Graves has, through its Inspector, visited for inspection over three hundred cemeteries about the State. An improvement has been noted in general although in some places, due to change in ownership or the death or removal of relatives, cemeteries were found grown up with brush and in a few instances the stones fallen over or broken. Wherever these conditions were found, the brush was cut and removed and the stones reset or repaired. In a few cases, new Government headstones were procured and set to replace the old, broken stones.

In connection with the inspection, the soldiers' graves have been listed, and a card index is being prepared, showing the name of the soldier, the war in which he served, and the cemetery in which he is buried. An index to cemeteries has been arranged, giving the name of the cemetery and its location in town, city and county.

The work of inspection and listing of names is still in progress. Up to date, the names of approximately ten thousand soldiers have been filed.

The Committee on Neglected and Abandoned Graves has erected on the graves of soldiers of all wars sixty four headstones, which have been furnished by the United States Government. These were furnished as follows: Revolutionary War,

7; Civil War, 12; Spanish-American War, 2; World War, 40, and United States Service, 3. Since the appointment of the committee on June 8, 1926, there have been four hundred and seventeen applications for Government headstones. Of this numer, three hundred and ninety-five stones have been received and erected, six applications have been cancelled, and sixteen stones have not as yet been received.

The regular quarterly and monthly reports as required by the Veterans Administration, Bureau of National Homes, have been forwarded, and this office has received through the office of the General Treasurer the sum of $6,863.60 under the Act of Congress providing aid to State and Territorial Homes. The Rhode Island Soldiers' Home was inspected on August 15, 1932 by Colonel B. K. Cash, Inspector of the Bureau of National Homes.

Section 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Laws, Entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home"

Sec. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

Financial Statement of Fund

Cash balance, July 1, 1932		$ 2,034.70
Receipts for year:		
Bonds matured	$ 1,000.00	
Interest on investments	767.50	

Interest on bank deposit	69.02	
Discount on bonds purchased	54.60	
Other receipts	2,676.84	4,567.96
		6,602.66
Payments for year		1,009.01
Cash balance, June 30, 1933		$ 5,593.65

Securities Held in Fund

Securities held July 1, 1932	$ 18,000.00	
Bonds matured	1,000.00	
Securities held June 30, 1933		$ 17,000.00

The following enclosures accompany this report:

A. Report of Secretary, as State Pension Agent.
B. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Foreign Wars.
C. Report of Commandant, Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.
D. Report of Surgeon, Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.
E. Roll of members of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.
F. Summary of Expenditures.

Respectfully submitted

THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN
Governor and Chairman
ANTONIO PRINCE
General Treasurer
HERBERT R. DEAN
The Adjutant General
LUKE H. CALLAN
EZRA DIXON
CHARLES H. BOWDEN
ROBERT M. POLLARD
THOMAS A. BUELL
GEORGE B. SMITH
CHARLES H. BULLOCK
SYDNEY D. HARVEY
WILLIS C. METCALF
State Board of Soldiers' Relief

FRED A. BURT, Secretary

Enclosures

A

Report of State Pension Agent

Providence, R. I.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933.

Number of claims filed by this office during this period..... 112

Classified as follows:

Soldiers' and sailors' pension, Act June 2, 1930.....	1
Soldiers' and sailors' pension, increase, Acts June 2, 1930 and June 9, 1930	10
Widows' pension, Acts May 1, 1920 and May 1, 1926.....	12
Reimbursement claims	10
Applications for original pension, under General Law.....	2
Applications for unpaid pension checks.....	2
Application for pension certificates in lieu of one lost.....	1
Appeals of veterans endeavoring to prove service connected disability, under Public No. 2, 73d Congress.....	74

The total number of claims filed with the Bureau of Pensions at Washington by the State Pension Agent to June 30, 1933 was 14, 558.

Three hundred and twenty-eight affidavits and papers were executed during the twelve months' period ending June 30, 1933.

Respectfully submitted

FRED A. BURT

State Pension Agent

B

Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief

Providence, R. I.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Spanish Wars.

No change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund, but due to the action taken by the Federal Government relative to pensions, an increase in applicants is anticipated.

During the fiscal year, five hundred and sixty orders have been issued for Civil War relief, and six hundred and twelve for Spanish War relief; total disbursements, $9,274.00.

Respectfully submitted

FRED A. BURT

Agent, Soldiers' Relief

C

Bristol, Rhode Island

State Board of Soldiers' Relief

State House, Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Commandant of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.

The average attendance at the Home continues on the upward trend. The average attendance for the year ending June 30, 1933 shows an increase of 17% over the previous fiscal year.

The passage of the National Economy Act was a severe blow to the members of the Home as well as to the management. Nearly fifty members of the Home who had been receiving aid from the Federal Government in various sums were cut entirely out of aid, and at the same time the drastic ruling

in regard to Federal aid to State homes caused a loss of approximately five thousand dollars a year income, which was applied to the operating expenses of the Home. Furthermore, the loss of Federal aid to the members of the Home makes it necessary to supply these members with clothing, footwear, toilet articles and smoking material, an expense which at the time of preparing the annual budget could not be foreseen, and will result in a considerable deficiency unless additional appropriations are made to meet this additional expense.

During the year, we have received visitations from the various committees of the veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries, who have provided many gifts and entertainment to the members of the Home. It is a pleasure to receive them and their work on behalf of the veterans is appreciated.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of these visitations was that of the Women's Relief Corps, who presented a beautiful pink marble bird bath for the Memorial Garden. At this occasion there were more than three hundred visitors present, together with the Overseas Military Band, members of the Board and distinguished persons. The gift was accepted by General Callan on behalf of the Board, who acted for Senator Dixon who was confined at his home by illness.

I am enclosing herewith several statistical reports in connection with the Home, and, in closing, I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to the officers and employees at the Home, who, by their loyal support, have greatly assisted me in the performance of my duties as Commandant.

I would feel remiss in my duties if I did not express my appreciation to the members of the Board and the office employees for their warm cooperation, advice and support at all times.

Respectfully
SAMUEL A. HALL
Colonel, Commandant

Statistical Report

The gains and losses in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home as compared with the preceding year:

June 30, 1932	Members present	64
June 30, 1933	Members present	74
June 30, 1932	Total membership	115
June 30, 1933	Total membership	96
	Loss	19

ACTUAL GAIN		ACTUAL LOSS	
By admission	23	By discharge	9
By re-admission	4	By death	7
		Dropped	30
	27		46

Total number admitted since Home opened.....1270

Of the number present, 44 are in the hospital sick or receiving necessary medical treatment, and 4 on extra duty as follows:

Ward Sergeant	1	Cleaners	3

Civilian Employees

Commandant	1	Adjutant	1	Surgeon	1
Engineer	1	Asst. Farmer	1	Laborers	5
Firemen	3	Dishwasher	1	Herdsman	1
Driver	1	Waiters	2	Asst. Herdsman	1
Chief Cook	1	Housekeepers	2	Cleaners, Hosp.	3
Asst. Cooks	2	Chief Nurse	1	Barber	1
Boss Farmer	1	Asst. Nurses	4	Watchman	1

Oldest member of the Home—Civil War	93	Youngest	85
Spanish War	78	Youngest	50
World War	56	Youngest	33

Average Attendance During Year

Present		Present and Absent
Quarter ending Sept.	1932.....61.4	90
Quarter ending Dec.	1932.....66.0	94
Quarter ending March	1933.....64.0	97
Quarter ending June	1933.....68.1	96

Number of deaths since Home opened—last report	680
Number of deaths reported members on furlough	2
Number of deaths at the Home	5
	687

Deaths

CIVIL WAR

FOLEY, PATRICK	Sixth Bat. Mass. Lt. Art. Admitted: October 15th, 1931. Died: July 15, 1932. Buried in Soldiers' Home Plot, St. Mary's Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.
YOUNG, WILLIAM E.	Co. G, 2 R. I. Infantry. Admitted: August 14, 1908. Died: September 6, 1932. Cause: Arterio Sclerosis Cerebral Hemorrhage. Buried in Princess Hill Cemetery, Barrington, R. I.
SMITH, EDWARD	Co. G, 12 R. I. Infantry. Admitted: July 6, 1932. Died: September 22, 1932. Cause: Arterio Sclerosis Buried in Soldiers' Home Plot, North Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

SPANISH WAR

LAFOND, GASPARD	Co. H, 15 U. S. Infantry. Admitted: January 20, 1926. Died: October 17, 1932. Cause: Arterio Sclerosis Cerebral Hemorrhage. Buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Pawtucket, R. I.
LEE, WILLIAM	Co. M, 1 R. I. Infantry. Admitted: February 10, 1927. Died: December 7, 1932. Buried in Soldiers' Plot, North Burial Grounds, Providence, R. I.
GAVIGAN, JAMES F.	Co. E, 1 R. I. Infantry. Admitted: December 15, 1929. Died: September 28, 1932, while on furlough. Buried in St. Ann's Cemetery, Cranston, R. I.

WORLD WAR

GRAY, ARTHUR B.	279 Aero Squadron. Admitted: September 26, 1931. Died: April 3, 1933 while on furlough. Cause: Bilateral Lobar Pneumonia. Buried in Soldiers' Home Plot, North Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

D

Bristol, Rhode Island

State Board of Soldiers' Relief

State House, Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home for the twelve months ending June 30, 1933.

Number of men in hospital July 1, 1932	42
Number of men from hospital July 1, 1932, furlough	3
Total	45
Number of men admitted to hospital, new admissions during the fiscal year	27
Number of men admitted to hospital from wards during fiscal year	21
Total	48
Number of deaths, fiscal year, Civil War	3
Number of deaths, fiscal year, Spanish-American War	3
Number of deaths, fiscal year, World War	1
Total	7
Total number of men discharged from the hospital	30
Total number of men in hospital June 30, 1933	44
Total number of men from hospital, June 30, 1933, furlough	12
Total number of men, hospital, present and on furlough	56

I am grateful to the members of your honorable Board and to the Commandant for their co-operation and obliged to my assistants for their services.

Very respectfully submitted

ALFRED M. MERRIMAN

Surgeon, Rhode Island Soldiers' Home

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CIVIL WAR

Name	Co. and Regiment	Age at admission	Admitted from	Date admitted	Status
Clemence, Zachary T.	3rd R. I. Hvy. Art.	84	Hoxsie	Jan. 29, 1933	Present
Harkins, Thomas R.	L—3rd R. I. Cav.	89	Providence	May 9, 1933	Present
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D—1st R. I. Lt. Art.	77	Brooklyn, Conn.	Oct. 16, 1917	Absent
Redding, Edwin A.	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Nov. 28, 1911	Absent

SPANISH WAR

Anderson, Andrew	Tr. C—7th Cav.	55	Providence	March 16, 1933	Present
Arnzen, Niles J.	C—1st R. I. Inf.	56	Providence	Feb. 6, 1926	Absent
Beauregard, Eugene	L—1st R. I. Inf.	48	Woonsocket	Oct. 13, 1925	Present
Benjamin, Frank A.	D—1st R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Apr. 20, 1928	Present
Bodreau, Simeon	U. S. Navy	53	Providence	Nov. 10, 1931	Present
Bisson, George D.	Bat. A—1st R. I. Lt. Art.	65	Providence	Dec. 5, 1931	Present
Brouillard, Agenor	M—46th U. S. Inf.	52	West Warwick	Dec. 30, 1930	Present
Buxton, Lewis E.	Bat. D—2nd U. S. Art.	47	Cranston	Oct. 27, 1927	Present
Campbell, Patrick	E—1st R. I. Inf.	56	Providence	June 15, 1932	Present
Capelle, Robert E.	U. S. Navy	49	Cranston	Jan. 19, 1932	Absent
Deveno, Henry	D—46th U. S. Inf.	59	West Warwick	Jan. 28, 1932	Present
Durfee, Edson H.	11th Bat. Field Art.	48	Providence	Dec. 19, 1932	Present
French, Walter A. C.	U. S. Navy	60	Providence	May 12, 1933	Absent
Goodinson, Ernest	E—1st R. I. Inf.	58	No. Providence	March 20, 1933	Present
Greene, John H.	F—21st U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Mar. 12, 1932	Present
Hackett, George	Tr. E—7th Cav.	58	Lincoln	Feb. 15, 1932	Present
Harrington, Thomas E.	F—46th U. S. Inf.	56	Central Falls	Apr. 11, 1930	Absent
Keegan, Edward F.	H—1st R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Nov. 16, 1928	Present

SPANISH WAR - Continued

Keegan, John J.	D—1st R. I. Inf.	57	Providence	Feb. 27, 1930	Present
Kelly, John	H—1st R. I. Inf.	60	Providence	June 11, 1931	Present
Maguire, Elisha M.	Bat. B—1st R. I. Lt. Art.	49	Providence	Apr. 27, 1928	Present
McMahon, John F.	L—1st R. I. Inf.	74	Providence	Sept. 27, 1929	Present
McKenna, William	D—1st R. I. Inf.	60	Woonsocket	April 7, 1932	Present
Mullen, Patrick J.	D—1st R. I. Inf.	62	Valley Falls	May 12, 1931	Present
Monohan, William	23rd Inf. Unassigned	56	Providence	Feb. 17, 1931	Present
McTernan, James J.	K—12th N. Y. Inf.	62	Providence	Aug. 5, 1931	Present
O'Connor, John, Jr.	G—1st R. I. Inf.	55	Providence	March 12, 1930	Present
Riley, Bernard	B—22nd U. S. Inf.	54	Hope	Feb. 20, 1928	Present
Riley, John W.	U. S. Navy	56	Providence	May 16, 1932	Present
Rogers, Ephraim	M—46th U. S. Inf.	59	Arctic	Nov. 18, 1931	Present
Smart, George C.	Bat. G—2nd U. S. Art.	65	Providence	May 8, 1933	Present
Spring, George F.	B—46th U. S. Inf.	51	Woonsocket	Feb. 11, 1930	Present
Townsend, George W.	L—1st R. I. Inf.	52	Providence	Sept. 8, 1931	Absent
Verity, William H.	L—27th U. S. Inf.	53	Providence	Dec. 12, 1930	Present
Vincent, Arthur	L—1st R. I. Inf.	55	Woonsocket	Jan. 11, 1932	Absent

WORLD WAR

Name	Co. and Regiment	Age at admission	Admitted from	Date admitted	Status
Allard, Florimond	1st R. I. Amb. Co.	36	Woonsocket	Feb. 17, 1933	Absent
Anderson, John E.	152nd Depot Brig.	35	Newport	July 6, 1931	Present
Beaudry, Edgar	L—9th Inf.	51	Woonsocket	June 20, 1932	Present
Bergeron, Adelard J.	G—314 Inf.	39	Manville	Sept. 17, 1932	Absent
Blomstrom, Ernest A.	Hq. Co. 28th Inf.	38	Hoxsie	Apr. 13, 1927	Present
Bouley, Alfred	153rd Depot Br.	42	Providence	Jan. 21, 1931	Present
Boyle, Charles F.	Ordnance Corps	48	Providence	July 15, 1932	Present

WORLD WAR - Continued

Boyd, George	158th Depot Brig	45	Warren	April 13, 1933	Present
Campanelli, Frank C.	11—Evac. Amb.	37	Providence	Feb. 17, 1932	Present
Chaput, Henry	152nd Depot Brig.	35	Woonsocket	June 17, 1929	Present
Cote, Ulric	154th Depot Brig.	36	West Warwick	Feb. 15, 1932	Present
Crossen, James H.	C—4th Engrs.	45	Providence	March 18, 1933	Present
Delcourt, Clifford P.	E—103rd Inf.	44	Pawtucket	Dec. 3, 1931	Present
Demers, David E.	2nd Bn. C. W. S.	44	Providence	June 15, 1932	Present
Drysdale, Edward	D—101st Inf.	32	Warren	Oct. 17, 1932	Present
Dunn, David L.	340th Butchery Co. QMC	38	Providence	Feb. 26, 1932	Present
Dollery, John J.	U. S. Navy	49	Providence	Jan. 14, 1931	Present
Fagan, Joseph H.	U. S. Navy	56	Providence	Nov. 21, 1932	Present
Farrell, James E.	Hq. Co. 103rd Field Art.	36	Oakland Beach	Dec. 18, 1931	Absent
Holland, John	L—314th U. S. Inf.	41	Providence	July 10, 1929	Present
Horton, George W.	QMC	47	Pawtucket	July 20, 1931	Present
Jalongo, Anthony	Tr. K—3rd Cav.	39	Cranston	Aug. 15, 1930	Absent
Knight, Arthur J.	Tr. I—7th Cav.	41	Providence	June 10, 1931	Present
Levitin, Thomas	153rd Depot Brig.	39	Bristol	May 12, 1933	Present
Levesque, Alfred	153rd Depot Br.	37	Providence	Dec. 10, 1930	Present
Laferriere, Romeo	I—101st U. S. Inf.	29	Arctic	Jan. 11, 1928	Absent
Lawson, Walter H.	C—103rd Field Art.	32	Providence	Jan. 21, 1931	Present
LeDoux, Joseph C.	Hq. 71st U. S. Inf.	40	Pawtucket	Jan. 28, 1931	Absent
LeBlanc, Edmond	C—76th Field Art.	52	Woonsocket	Feb. 24, 1931	Present
Lister, Harry	2nd Bn. Depot Br.	53	Providence	June 15, 1932	Absent
McElroy, Henry	3rd Co. C. A. C.	33	East Providence	Jan. 25, 1931	Absent
McHale, Edward M.	D—53rd U. S. Inf.	38	Providence	Nov. 10, 1931	Absent
Morin, Emil	B—212th Sig. Bn.	48	Providence	July 18, 1932	Present
Mitchell, William	F—9th Bat. F. A. R. D.	45	Pawtucket	May 1, 1931	Present
Mulvihill, Patrick	C—3rd M. G. Bn.	47	Providence	Jan. 13, 1931	Present
Nadeau, Albert	154th Depot Br.	36	Woonsocket	Aug. 8, 1929	Present

WORLD WAR - Concluded

O'Brien, Alexander	151st Depot Br.	31	Providence	July 18, 1931	Absent
Oliver, Alvaro	E—44th Art.	35	Pawtucket	Oct. 17, 1931	Present
O'Rourke, Thomas	54th Depot Br.	44	Providence	June 20, 1932	Present
O'Malley, Charles	U. S. Navy	55	Providence	Aug. 24, 1932	Absent
Oakley, Frederick	D—1st Dev. Bn.	43	Central Falls	June 12, 1933	Absent
Papillon, Marcel	320th Supply Co.	44	Woonsocket	April 20, 1931	Present
Paquette, Leonide	139th Labor	40	Central Falls	Feb. 25, 1930	Present
Pearson, Adolph	304th Remount Depot	41	Providence	Dec. 22, 1927	Present
Ratigan, John J.	4th Depot Br.	36	Providence	Feb. 16, 1928	Present
Rinaldi, August	301st Amm. Tr.	45	Providence	Jan. 8, 1931	Absent
Reilly, Joseph T.	Repair Shop Unit, QMC	38	Providence	Dec. 12, 1928	Present
Ross, William P.	B—32nd Field Art.	42	Providence	Apr. 14, 1930	Present
St. Germain, William	151st Depot Brig.	44	Woonsocket	Aug. 8, 1929	Present
Sullivan, John J.	C—320th M. G. Bn.	37	Newport	Aug. 3, 1931	Present
Shayer, William H.	155th Depot Brig.	53	Woonsocket	Nov. 15, 1932	Present
Taylor, John J.	Sec. C, Fly. School Det.	37	Central Falls	Oct. 18, 1932	Present
Tousignant, Arthur	327th Inf.	41	Moosup, Conn.	Oct. 19, 1932	Absent
Vanasse, Joseph D. A.	E—1st Army Hq.	38	Woonsocket	May 20, 1929	Absent
Washburn, William L.	Salvage Div. Q.M.C.	41	Norwood	April 18, 1933	Present

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1933

Soldiers' Home	$ 57,289.09
Soldiers' Relief, Civil and Spanish Wars	9,274.00
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